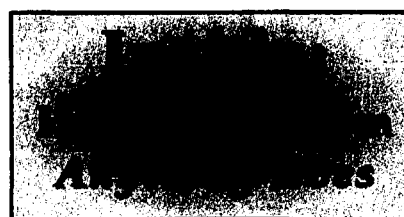




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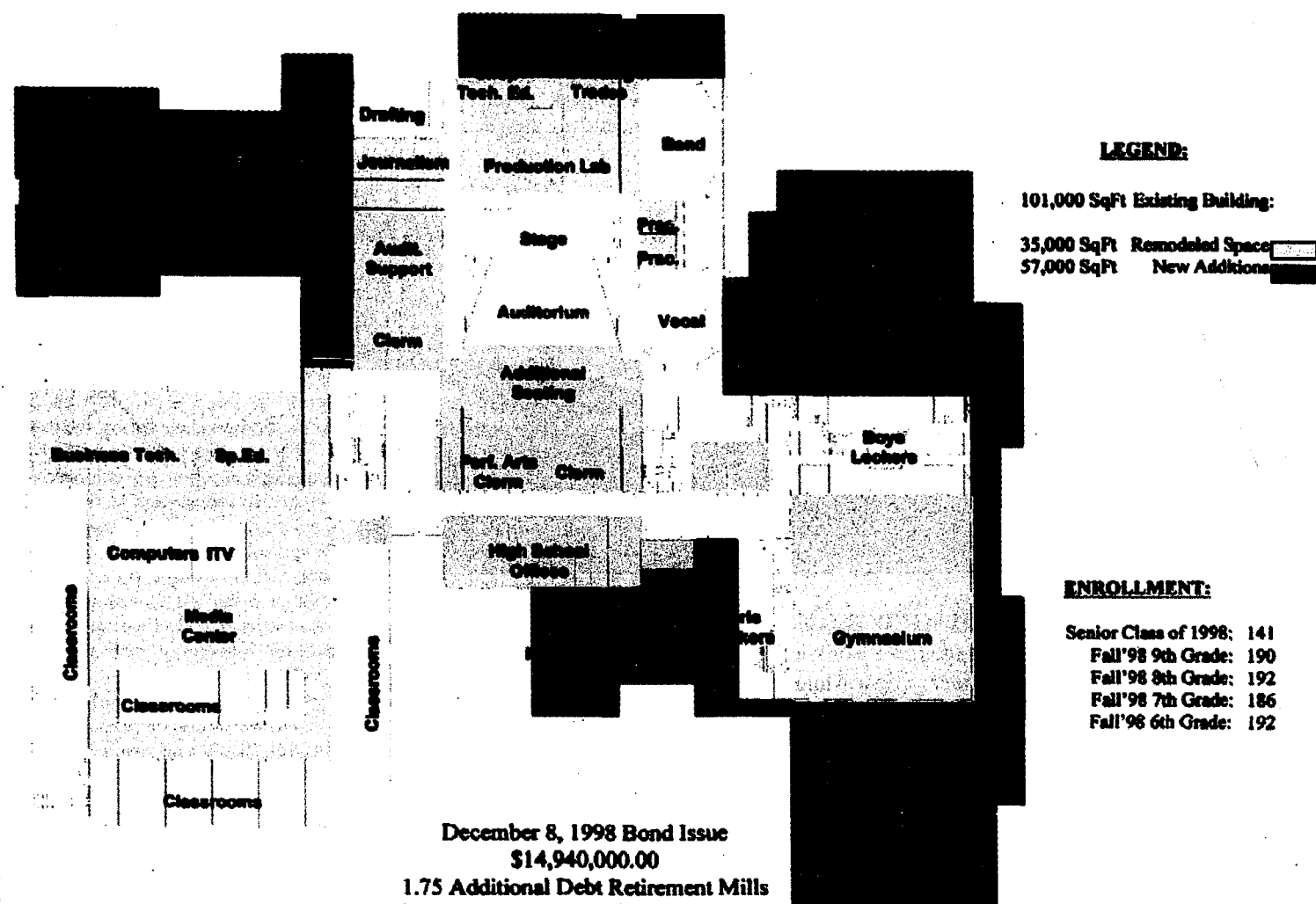
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Road Board votes 2-1 to hire new Managing Director

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

The Road Commission's Board of Commissioners recently voted 2-1 to hire Roscommon resident Don Babcock into the position of Road Commission for Crawford County Managing Director.

The Road Commission has been operating without a Managing Director since May 28, 1998, when the Board voted 2-1 to fire the previous director, James Briney.

The Board made the decision to offer Babcock the job at its November 25 regular meeting.

Vice-Chairman Robert Nelson made the motion to hire Babcock. Nelson said that Babcock was one of the finalists during the Road Commission's most recent search for a Managing Director four years

ago.

Nelson cited that Babcock knows the county well, and being from a neighboring area wouldn't need a

"Our responsibility as a board is to look at all the people who are interested."

Bill Gannon, in response to Bob Nelson's desire to hire without further review of applications or interviews.

long period of time to get acquainted with the people and the area like an outsider might.

Chairman Ray Swiercz agreed and seconded the motion. "Don has

been on the Road Commission in Roscommon for 20 years," said Swiercz. "I think he could do a real good job."

Commissioner Bill Gannon expressed his concern regarding the lack of an extensive process involved in the hiring.

"My point is," said Gannon, addressing Swiercz and Nelson, "you pulled up a 4-5 year old application and a 4-5 year old resume and said this is the person we want to hire for the most important position in the Road Commission."

"I don't know if this is the best person for the job," continued Gannon. "We haven't advertised and we haven't interviewed anyone."

Nelson disagreed. "I think we are hiring the best person," he said.

"Our responsibility as a board is to look at all the people who are interested," responded Gannon. "We should certainly advertise, take applications, including the gentleman you want to hire, and do interviews."

"I disagree with you," said

Swiercz. "This man has more than enough qualifications."

Gannon replied by stating that a lot of people may meet the qualifications, but in order to select one from the group of those qualified individuals the Board should undertake an application process.

"We have not advertised and we have not interviewed," said Gannon. "If we go through that process and this person (Babcock) is the best for the job, then fine."

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Trip to Poland holds hope for Emily

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

Rich and Linda Grosskopf have three beautiful daughters, a dog, a cat and a warm, cozy home set among trees, northeast of town. Hopes and dreams fulfilled. But, there is one more wish that they hope will come true - that their middle daughter, little Emily, will one day sit up on her own, holding her head up high to flash her enchanting smile for all the world to see.

On January 2, Emily may be taking the first step toward realizing abilities that have escaped her since a complicated birth left her battling cerebral palsy a little more than three years ago.

Cerebral palsy occurs when the portion of the brain that controls motor function is injured. It can occur during pregnancy, during a difficult birth or up to the time a child is about two years old.

In the United States alone, about 500,000 people have cerebral palsy. Routine treatment in this country aims at lessening the severity of impairment and increasing muscle function. Cerebral palsy causes permanent damage to the brain and is usually treated with physical therapy, drugs and surgery.

Emily will leave on a 4,500 mile journey to a one-of-a-kind clinic, in northwest Poland, to see if a special suit developed for the Russian space program holds any promise for her.

Travelling with Emily will be her mother and her babysitter, 15-year old Grayling High School sophomore, Will Fairbotham.

This is a unique school situation for Will, as well. Because of the special circumstances, he will not be penalized for time away from the high school. He will receive assignments via e-mail. And - it is his first

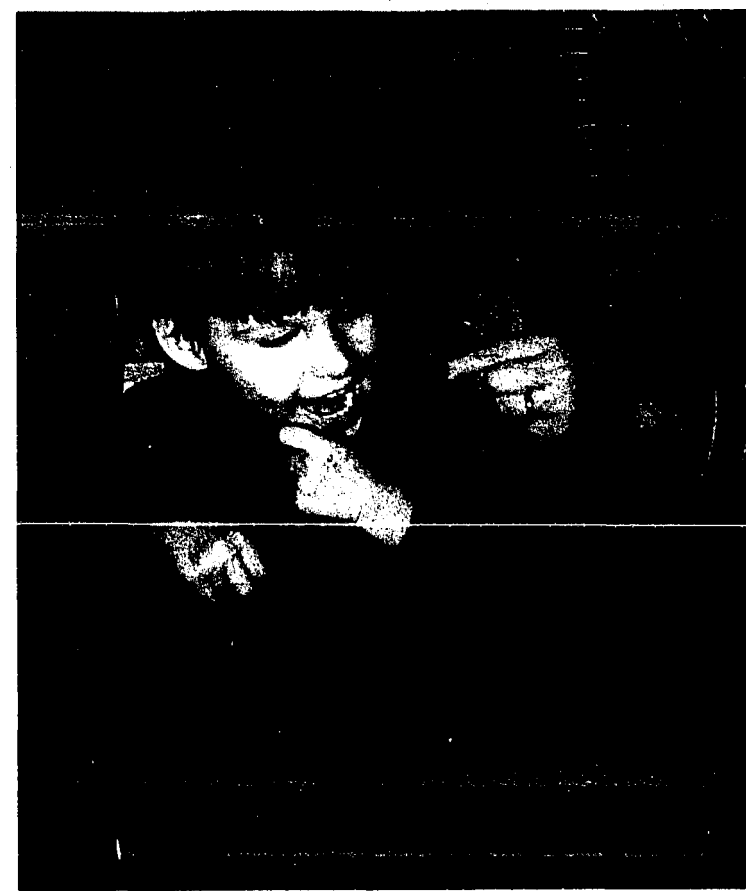


Photo by Cheryl Ruley

WORLD TRAVELLER-TO-BE - Emily Grosskopf will travel 4,500 miles to Poland to receive unique treatment in her battle with cerebral palsy. A spaghetti dinner and raffle will be held December 9 at the Eagles Club to help raise \$1,000 of the \$10,000 needed for her trip and treatment.

time flying.

The threesome will spend a month in Mielno at the Euromed Rehabilitation Center, where Emily will be fitted with an Adeli suit and undergo extensive therapy to help re-train her brain to understand signals from the correct movement of muscles.

The Adeli suit was designed by scientists working in the Russian space program to help cosmonauts maintain muscle tone while weightless. Referred to by some as the "bungee cord suit," it helps put the

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City Council denies re-zoning request

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

The Grayling City Council held a public hearing on Monday, November 30, in order to discuss a re-zoning request by Grayling resident Joe Jarvis.

Following a recommendation from the City staff, which was delivered by City Manager Jerry Morford at the meeting, and concerns from Jarvis' neighbors, the council voted unanimously to reject the re-zoning request.

Specifically, the request was to re-zone a lot located at 407 Huron Street in Grayling from O-S (office) to R-2 (residential). If the zoning change had been approved, the lot, which currently houses a duplex, would be eligible to house four residential units instead of the current two.

One of Jarvis' neighbors, Pete Stephan, said that in order to protect his own interests he had to oppose the re-zoning request, despite the fact that Jarvis was "a very good

neighbor."

Stephan also mentioned that the property in question is currently up for sale. "We, as property owners, never know who's going to buy it or what they're going to do with it," said Stephan.

Morford had said earlier that the City staff recommended the council "not accept the request" since it could set an unwanted precedent of "spot zoning," or re-zoning one lot in an area without considering the adjoining properties.

The council closed the public hearing after the discussion was concluded and put the matter to a vote.

Mayor Pro-Tem D. J. Brown made a motion to act on the recommendations of the City staff and Jarvis' neighbors. "I move that the zoning remain as it currently is," said Brown.

Councilman Robert Ruddy seconded the motion, and the council voted 5-0 to keep the zoning at its current status.

Jarvis commented on the vote later in the meeting: "If I had known spot zoning was against the Master Plan I wouldn't have requested it," said Jarvis, "although it is one way to meet your neighbors."

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After 51 years, Toys for Tots still brightens Christmas

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

Three collection sites have been named thus far in the Crawford County Toys for Tots program, sponsored for 51 years now by the United States Marine Corps.

Collection boxes have been placed at Glen's Market, Chemical Bank and the main branch of Citizens Bank in Grayling.

The legacy of the Toys for Tots program began in 1947 with a hand-crafted Raggedy Ann doll.

The wife of Marine Reserve Major Bill Hendricks made the doll and asked her husband to give it to a needy child in their hometown of Los Angeles.

Unfortunately, the major couldn't find an agency that provided such a service. To remedy the situation, Major Hendricks and members of his Los Angeles reserve unit collected and distributed 5,000 toys to needy children in their area during

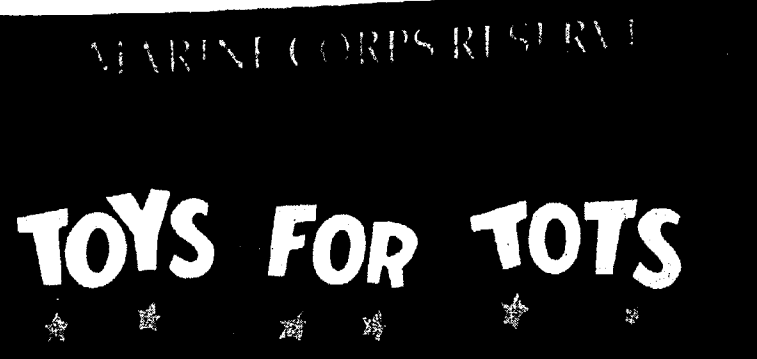
Christmas, 1947. Toys for Tots was born.

In 1948, the Marine Corps Reserve adopted the program and began collecting toys in nearly 200 communities across the country.

Over the years, Marines have distributed over 232 million toys and brought the joy of Christmas and a message of hope to 116 million children. On average, the Marines collect and distribute enough Christmas toys to brighten Christmas about four million children each year.

In an effort to see that, "Every child deserves a little Christmas," Toys for Tots organizer, Marianne Gosnell, is asking the citizens of Crawford County to deposit new, unwrapped toys in one or more of the area's three collection boxes.

At the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce's Business



After Hours December 17 gathering at Shoppenagon's Inn, a special collection box will be available to receive donations. The event will be hosted by Star Publications, publishers of the Northern Star, and runs from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Toys will be collected from sites daily through December 21, then distributed to kids in need by the Crawford County Community

Christian Help Center. Businesses interested in becoming a collection site, or those needing help making this Christmas special for their little ones, can contact the Help Center at 348-6046.

Road Board votes 2-1 to hire new Managing Director

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Swiercz and Nelson reiterated that Babcock was a finalist in the process to hire a Managing Director four years ago, and both felt that he would be a good choice for the job.

Nelson also mentioned that Babcock's experience in engineering would be a great asset to the Road Commission for Crawford County. "Engineer managers are hard to find," said Nelson.

Gannon said his objection was to the process, and not necessarily with the qualifications or abilities of the specific candidate.

"We've had a motion, we've had a second, we've had discussion," said Swiercz. "Let's have a vote."

The Board voted 2-1 to hire Babcock, effective December 14, with Swiercz and Nelson voting "yes," and Gannon voting "no."

County Commissioner Bruce Bretzke, Board liaison to the Road Commission, asked the Board about Babcock's status as an engineer and the financial impact that hiring an engineer manager could have on the Road Commission.

Chairman Swiercz said he will not be paid more than the previous Managing Director, and his abilities as an engineer would save the Road Commission money in the neighborhood of \$50,000-100,000 a year in engineering fees.

Swiercz said that Babcock is not currently a registered engineer, but would be able to engineer projects and have the Road Commission's engineering firm check over and register the plans.

Swiercz also mentioned that the new Managing Director could perform project inspections that are currently done by the Road Commission's engineering firm.

Collision leaves downstate man seriously injured

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

A motorcross-style motorcycle, operated by a downstate man, struck a pick-up truck on Fletcher Road, just before noon, on Friday, November 27.

The driver of the pick-up, Michael Winter, 49, of Alger, stated that he was travelling east on Fletcher Road when a motorcycle crossed in front of his vehicle, barely avoiding a collision. Then, without warning, another motorcycle struck his truck on the driver's side of the vehicle.

The motorcycles were travelling south on Tran Trail and did not stop for traffic on Fletcher Road, which has the right of way.

Responding to the scene were Crawford County Sheriff's Deputies, Beaver Creek Township Fire Department and North Flight EMS.

David Swan, 31, of Allen Park was the operator of the motorcycle that struck Winter. He was trans-

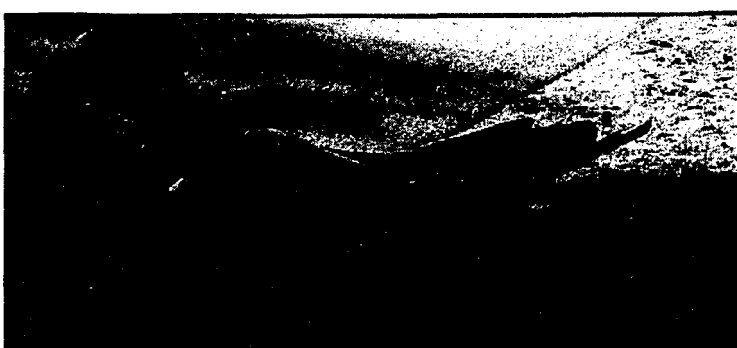


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DAMAGED BIKE - This motorcross type motorcycle was damaged in a collision with a pick-up truck on Fletcher Road. Its rider, a downstate man, was airlifted via a NorthFlight helicopter for medical treatment at Grayling Mercy Hospital.

ported by North Flight helicopter to Grayling Mercy Hospital due to the serious nature of his injuries. Swan was later transferred to Munson Medical Center by North Flight helicopter and, at last report, was listed in serious condition.

Winter, shaken from the accident, said this was his first trip across

Fletcher Road and was returning home after a Thanksgiving visit with friends in Kalkaska and Traverse City. He suffered only minor cuts and was not hospitalized.

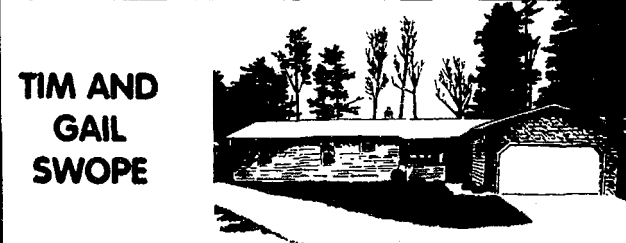
According to Deputy Randy Herman, the use of alcohol was not a factor, but the accident remains under investigation.

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Key Club serves up first ever fundraiser



AT YOUR SERVICE — Charter members of Grayling's first Key Club held their first fundraiser in the form of a pancake dinner at the Iron Gate Restaurant on November 24. Key Club President Sam Moore is the epitome of "service with a smile" as he waits on tables and Ryan Casey (right) took on the task of washing the dishes. About 15 charter members worked at the dinner. The club will receive its charter and banner at a special ceremony on Friday, December 4 at Shoppenagon's Inn. Adult advisor for the club is Kiwanis member John Smock.

Photos by Cheryl Ruley



Trip to Poland holds hope for Emily

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body into proper alignment using adjustable, elastic bands. The suit helps create a feedback system where the muscles and brain are working together.

Therapy at the clinic consists of 28 days of six-hour, six-days-a-week, intensive work-outs. Will is going along to help support Linda and Emily in what can be very frustrating therapy.

Frustrating though it may be, Linda is hopeful because, "64% of kids respond well to this treatment during their first visit," she said. "Emily should be able to sit up or maybe even crawl by the time her first month of treatment is over."

Emily's pediatrician, Dr. Karen Koby-Olson, brought the Euromed treatment option to the Grosskopfs' attention, but they never expected that the opportunity to travel to the clinic would come so soon.

"When we got the call telling us that we would leave on January 2, we were overwhelmed," Linda said. "We knew that we had very little

time to raise the money needed for the trip and treatment."

A whirlwind fund-raising campaign has begun in Grayling and across Michigan to raise \$10,000 needed for the first of what could amount to as many as six trips to the clinic, as well as the expense of treatment. Unique and common methods are being used.

For instance, to enable Linda to make the trip without losing all of her pay, fellow employees at Mercy Hospital Rehab Services, where she is a physical therapist, have donated their Personal Time Off (PTO) to make up for the month Linda must spend in Poland.

The Grayling High School Student Senate will host a Karaoke night in the near future to raise funds for Emily's trip.

Donation collection cans have been set on store counters around northern lower Michigan and in the Upper Peninsula.

Families have promised to donate to Emily the money they would normally spend on gifts for each other.

Linda's sister has given \$6,000 toward her niece's special treatment.

The Grayling Eagles Club has promised to give \$1,000 to Emily, on December 9, when the club hosts a benefit spaghetti dinner from 4:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., where she will be the guest of honor. Area businesses have donated the food and other supplies for the dinner. There will also be a raffle held to help with the trip.

Tickets can be purchased at the door or by calling Merisa Manley at 344-1073 or Charlotte Fairbotham at 348-1145. Tickets are also available through the high school, AuSable Primary School, Mercy Rehab Services and MATES. Prices are \$5 for adults, \$3.50 for kids six to 14 years old, and \$17 for the family. Kids 5 years and younger eat free.

Rich works at MATES and, for the first two weeks of treatment, will keep the home fires burning while his wife and daughter are away. He

doesn't have enough annual leave accumulated to allow for the entire month. He will join them in Poland for the remaining two weeks.

The Grosskopfs are optimistic and motivated to try a treatment that may open a whole new world to their daughter. And they have had the opportunity to see how generous people can be.

"I've been real impressed by the outpouring of support from this community," Linda said. "Everyone we have approached for help has responded positively."

Donations can be made directly to: Emily's Medical Fund, c/o Jim Nygard, Mercy Hospital Rehab Services, 1100 Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738.

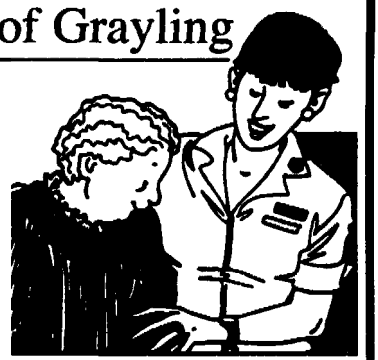
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Seat belts, air bags help save two

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

The use of seat belts and air bags was given credit by a law enforcement official with saving a couple from more serious, possibly fatal, injuries in an accident that occurred on an area highway November 28.

According to Crawford County Sheriff's Deputy Randy Herman, Faye Laraway was the driver and her husband, DeWayne, was the passenger in a vehicle travelling northbound on U.S. 27 Highway, near the 227 mile marker.

At about 1 p.m., Mrs. Laraway lost control of the vehicle, striking

three trees before coming to rest in a wooded area.

"The use of seat belts and air bags is credited for saving the Laraways from more serious injuries in this accident," said Herman.

Deputies from the Crawford County Sheriff's Department, the Beaver Creek Township Fire Department and North Flight EMS responded to the call for help placed by a motorist with a cellular phone.

The Laraways were transported to Grayling Mercy Hospital for treatment.

Herman reported that alcohol was not a factor in the accident.

New Board Should Make Road Commission Appointment

We are writing on behalf of Crawford County natives and residents who remain interested in the outcome of the 1998 primary and general elections. We encourage everyone to support the women and men who have been elected to serve as county commissioners, effective January 1, 1999.

Critical and fundamental to that support is giving the newly elected board every opportunity to do what is expected of them, as expressed by the will of the voters. Specifically, that expectation is grounded in working well together, treating their constituents with courtesy and making decisions on the basis of reason, information and fact.

Reasonable people in our county have had their fill of the characteristics that have come to define the present and past boards. That is why the commissioner from District 6 was defeated overwhelmingly at the polls in the primary election. That is why Bob Nelson was trounced in Beaver Creek and Grayling Townships in the general election. (Mr. Nelson has been defeated by significantly increasing numbers of votes whenever voters have been presented with a choice).

At the very least, it is expected the present board comprised of: Dennis Long, John Hartman, Kathy Black, Lynnette Corlew, Bob Smock and Bruce Bretzke will complete their term of office with some dignity and class. They can do so, while honoring the electorate and the commissioners-elect, by acknowledging the right and duty of the new board to appoint the road commissioner who will begin a six year term starting in 1999.

The vast majority of voters have made it abundantly clear it is time to end the blaming, the bickering and the noise. It is time to see if Tyke Golnick, Scott Hanson, Shelley Pinkelman, Lynnette Corlew, Beth Wieland and Terry Beardslee are up to the job the public has bestowed upon them.

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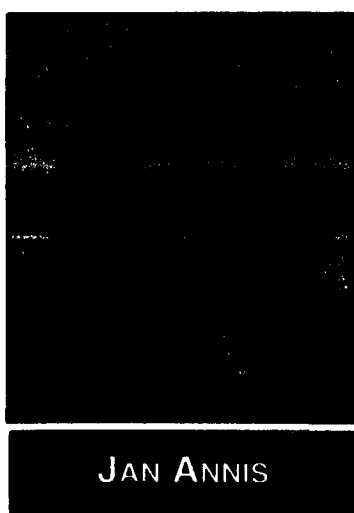
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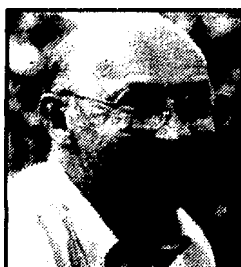


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ISSUES AND OPINIONS



ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

Troubles only starting for Gov. Jesse

THE 1998 ELECTION results held many surprises, but probably none as unexpected as the rise of Minnesota's Reform Party candidate Jesse Ventura to the governor's office.

After-the-fact experts will swear they detected an undercurrent of voter dissatisfaction that led to Mr. Ventura's surprise win, but they're only fooling themselves.

Nobody saw it coming, except possibly Jesse Ventura himself. Even that's unlikely, although every working candidate at some point thinks he/she really can win, no matter the odds. That's just the way things work in the heat of a campaign.

But now the challenge really begins for Governor-Elect Ventura. Minnesota, our 20th largest state, has a \$32 billion budget, and Jesse Ventura will be the leader.

He ran on the Reform Party ticket, and was a lone wolf in the campaign. His running mate was Mae Schunk, described by Newsweek as "a mother grammar school teacher for 38 years."

The Minnesota legislature is split: Democrats control the senate, Republicans the house. The Reform Party has no grass roots structure from which Governor Ventura can fashion a government.

Where will the new government's leaders come from? Who's going to help formulate Ventura programs? Who's going to push them through to enactment? If adopted, who's going to enforce them, and how? How's his administrative team to be built?

There is no support base for Jesse Ventura...only the 37 percent of Minnesota voters who backed him, which also means that 63

percent opposed him. So how is he going to govern?

* * *

WHEN ELECTIONS in countries with a parliamentary system bring a mixed result without majority, at least there is a variety of parties and factions from which an operating majority can be fashioned.

Mr. Ventura did not win election through support from a number of factions. Rather, his support was only broad enough to win a slim plurality in a three-way race against well established parties.

So Jesse Ventura is all alone at the top, and it can get mighty lonely up there, despite the company of Ms. Schunk.

How he copes with this crisis will measure whether his election will be anything more than the symbolism of a fed-up populism exercising its muscle in an isolated instance.

Of course, if he's really serious about being governor, he may end up trying the parliamentary way. He may try to fashion a government of part Republicans, part Democrats, and a big dose of non-politicians -- including the segment of usual non-voters who broke the mold to cast a big vote for Ventura.

It might be a refreshing new way to look at how government could operate.

Then again, it might fall flat on its face.

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FIGER SIMILAR? -- Is there a bit of a parallel between Jesse Ventura in Minnesota and Geoffrey Fieger in Michigan?

Of course, Mr. Fieger had a major party nomination, while Mr. Ventura did not. But the way the Fieger campaign unraveled, he may as well

have been on a Perot ticket.

Both were mavericks, bucking the party line of both parties. Both were outsiders, with no major political experience. Both tried to appeal to disaffected voters who normally don't stretch too far to bother to vote, let alone become politically active.

Both promised to surprise the experts by turning out "their voters" on election day. History will show Ventura voters did in fact turn out, while nobody will ever know whether hidden Fieger voters even existed.

If Mr. Fieger actually had won, forming an effective government would have been almost as difficult for him as the task Mr. Ventura faces, because he had destroyed what natural support base he may have had, and operated pretty much as another lone wolf.

Again, nobody shall ever know.

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NUTS AND JOLTS -- Some column closing Nuts and Jolts from the late humorist Hod Swenell:

Worry is like a merry-go-round. When you stop, you're right back where you started.

Some pillars of society have wobbly foundations.

The only long-wearing product scientists haven't come up with is people -- but they're even working on that.

The most successful guy in the world is the old boyfriend your wife could have married.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

School board asks for your support

Dear voters,

On Tuesday, December 8, our school district will be asking you to approve a bond issue to improve our high school. These bond issue dollars will build additional classroom space, replace the heating and ventilating system and roof and renovate the existing building that is now 25 years old.

This issue is substantially the same issue that was on the ballot last June. The board of education, along with students, staff, and community members, has worked diligently to present a plan to the voters which will address the needs of our students and the community. We see this as the final phase of bringing our buildings into the 21st century.

Our district has a sound financial history, operating within its budget while providing a full complement of educational and co-curricular programs for our children. All five of our buildings are accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

A great deal of curriculum revision has taken place and this year's senior class scored between three percent and 19 percent above the state average on the

state reading, mathematics, science, and writing assessment tests (MEAP). Our school district technology is second to none in northern Michigan, with almost 400 computers networked. We have much of which to be proud.

The Crawford AuSable School Board of Education sincerely believes that this proposed project will meet the district's infrastructure needs for at least the next ten years. We are fully supportive of this issue. Any voter with questions is encouraged to contact any board member.

Detailed answers of commonly asked questions and schematic drawings are available at the board office at 403 Michigan Avenue.

We ask for your support on December 8.

Crawford AuSable School District
Board of Education:

Marilyn Rosi
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GHS Alumni support school improvement

To the editor,

We are proud of the Crawford AuSable School District. We have all graduated from this school district, and we want to insure that students of today receive the quality and comfort of education we received.

The proposed bond issue that is coming before the voters on December 8, 1998 is important to the continued excellence of the Crawford AuSable School District.

The improvements in the heating and ventilating, as well as the roof, are necessary repairs. The old heating and ventilating system is obsolete, and the roof leaks.

Temperature changes going from one classroom to another forces students to wear layers or coats to class to stay warm. A comfortable learning environment is important for continued education.

The new cafeteria and kitchens will help alleviate a serious overcrowding problem. The new kitchens will be full service and the cafeteria will have room for half the student population.

The additions to academics (classroom and labs) will insure that as technology expands, students will continue to receive a high quality education for years to come.

We support the December 8th bond issue and we hope that you will look at all the information that is available and support our school district. Our children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and future generations count.

The Grayling High School Alumni
Board of Directors
Penny Millikin, President
Beaver Creek Township

HEALTHLINE

by Linda DeMarchis, M.A., Health Educator

This column is presented as a public service to the community by District Health Department No. 10, which covers a ten county area. If you have any questions you would like answered in this column, please send them to: Health Education Department, in care of your local Health Department.

Q. Are chewing tobacco and snuff safer for me than cigarettes?

A. Absolutely not. There is no safe form of tobacco. All forms of tobacco products are harmful and can lead to illness, disease and death.

Chewing tobacco and snuff (smokeless tobacco) can cause cancer especially in the cheek, gum or throat. Even before the cancer occurs, changes take place in your mouth, sometimes after only a few weeks of use. You may note that your lips and gums are stinging, bleeding, cracking and wrinkling. They may develop sores and white patches. These

white patches may become cancerous. Usually, if you stop using smokeless tobacco, the white patches will go away.

What are other problems from chewing tobacco?

- Tobacco juices can damage your gums, expose the roots of your teeth, and stain your teeth.

- Addictive and you get hooked quickly. Even after using it for a short amount of time you need a dip every 20 or 30 minutes.

- The nicotine makes your heart beat faster and your blood pressure rise, and unhealthy side effect.

Unfortunately, the use of smokeless tobacco has tripled in the U.S. since 1979. This means that the incidence of oral cancers will continue to rise rapidly and probably reach epidemic proportions. Although usually found in people over 40, more and more young men will suffer from this disease, some even in their early twenties or late teen years. In fact tobacco

use, especially chewing tobacco and snuff, accounts for nearly 90% of oral cancers. The risk of developing oral cancers is greatly increased when alcohol is used along with tobacco. If you are a tobacco user, stop using it today. People who quit using even after many years, can greatly reduce their risk of oral cancer. Also, learn the symptoms that may indicate the appearance of oral cancer:

- A sore in the mouth that does not heal.
- A lump or thickening in the cheek.
- A white or red patch on the gums, tongue or lining of the mouth.

- Soreness or a feeling that something is caught in the throat.
- Difficulty chewing or swallowing
- Difficulty moving the jaw or tongue.
- Numbness of the tongue or other parts of the mouth.
- Swelling of the jaw that causes dentures to fit poorly or become uncomfortable.

If any of these symptoms last longer than two weeks, it is important to see a doctor or dentist. They may be harmless symptoms, but a health professional should make that determination.

South Branch resident has seen roads improve

To the editor,

Our home is in South Branch Township, a few miles back in the country on a dirt road.

As much as we love it out here, we talked of moving because of the condition of Hickey Creek Road.

In the past, friends would not come to visit because of the road condition.

A short time ago, South Branch

Township got a new supervisor. Since then, our road condition improved 99.9 percent, "in my opinion."

We no longer talk of moving.

At this time, I would like to commend Supervisor Joe Myers and the road commission for working together.

Al McCray

South Branch Township

Use of tax dollars isn't fair

To the editor,

It isn't fair that our tax dollars are being misused for a school millage every six months until they get the vote they want.

Don't fill their trough again.

Al and Elaine Boyd
Grayling

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Your views are welcome on the Opinion Page.

Letters may be typed or handwritten, but please double-space or use every other line and limit to 500 words.

Every letter must be signed and

an address and telephone number must be included to be considered for publication. Letters will not be published without the author's name.

All letters are subject to editing and will be printed as space allows.

Deadline for submission of letters to the editor is Friday at noon for consideration for publication in the following week's paper.

Avalanche deadlines

Community Briefs items submitted to *The Avalanche* must be turned in to the office by Monday noon, to appear in that week's issue.

Photographs must be turned in to the office by noon on Friday for consideration in the next issue.

News items and letters should be submitted on 8 1/2-x-11 inch paper, typed, and double-spaced. Handwritten items must also have ample space between each line; on lined paper use every other line.

Classified ads by the word must be turned in by Tuesday noon and have to be paid for in advance or they will not be published. Classified display ads must be turned in by Monday noon.

Full page, half page, or color display ads must be turned in by Thursday at 5 p.m.

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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

Have your pet's photo taken with Santa

Take your pet to Milltown Groomer on Sunday, December 6 and have it's picture taken with Santa for only \$5. Proceeds will go to the spay/neuter program at the Crawford County Animal Shelter. Pet photos will be taken from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the groomer located on M-72 (next to Sears) in Grayling. For more information, please call 348-4104.

Northern Michigan Singles to meet

The Gaylord Evangelical Free Church, located at 1649 M-32 East in Gaylord, is hosting an afternoon meeting of single people, over the age of 25, from all over northern Michigan. The meeting will take place on Saturday, December 12, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., and will include guest speakers on the subjects of *Personality Building* and *The Holidays and You*. There will be entertainment, hors d'oeuvres and socializing. Cost is \$10 per person. Child care is available. R.S.V.P. by December 5 at (517) 732-2647 or J. Cycle at (517) 732-6989.

Take the kids to 'Breakfast with Santa'

Santa and Mrs. Claus will be hosting a "Breakfast with Santa" for young boys and girls on Saturday, December 5, at St. Mary's Parish Hall. The event will run from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. Eggs, french toast sticks and other breakfast foods will be available. The cost is \$2 for kids and \$4 for adults. A ticket is necessary for entry, and can be purchased at the door. Kids can also get their picture taken with Santa, who will autograph the photo. The cost will be \$3 per picture, or \$5 for two.

Meet the Teams at spaghetti dinner

A "Meet the Team" spaghetti dinner is planned for Friday, December 4, from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., at Grayling High School. Come for a meal and meet the 7th and 8th grade Grayling Middle School Boys Basketball players, as well as members of the Grayling High School Freshman, Junior Varsity and Varsity Boys Basketball teams. Cheerleaders will also be introduced. Tickets can be purchased at the door or from players and cost \$5 per person, or \$20 for the family. After dinner, teams will play scrimmage games.

Snowshoe making classes scheduled

The Michigan Snowshoe Center in Roscommon has scheduled two snowshoe making classes, one on December 12 and one on February 27. Using traditional wooden snowshoe frames, class participants will learn lacing techniques and construct their own snowshoes. Class size is limited. Cost is \$100 per person and includes materials. The center is located on the grounds of Higgins Hills RV Park, one mile west of I-75 exit 244. Class reservations can be made by calling (517) 275-8151.

St. Francis hosts Holiday Luncheon

St. Francis Episcopal Church, located on M-72 West in Grayling, will host a Holiday Luncheon on Friday, December 4, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The menu includes old-fashioned vegetable soup, chicken salad filled puffs, apple, crisp, and beverages. Take-outs are available. Cost is \$4.50 per person. For more information, please call the church office at 348-5850.

Lions Lucky 13 winner announced

The Grayling Lions Club Lucky 13 winner for week #9 is Bill O'Mara of Grayling.

SHARE sign-up and pick-up scheduled

There will be a SHARE sign-up on December 7 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Commission on Aging. The SHARE pick-up date is December 18, from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m., at the Reorganized Church of Latter Day Saints on North Down River Road.

Christmas Craft Auction to be held

A Christmas Craft Auction will be held at the CRAF Center in Roscommon on Saturday, December 5, beginning at 1 p.m. The auction is sponsored by the Homemakers Study Group and includes handmade crafts, baked goods, free refreshments and door prizes. For more information, please call Lori Witt at (517) 275-8606.

How to submit a 'News Brief'

Bring the written or typed information about your event to the *Avalanche* office, located at 102 Michigan Avenue. Be sure to include a name and phone number in case we have questions. Deadline for submission is Monday at noon each week.

Trumpeter swan on the AuSable

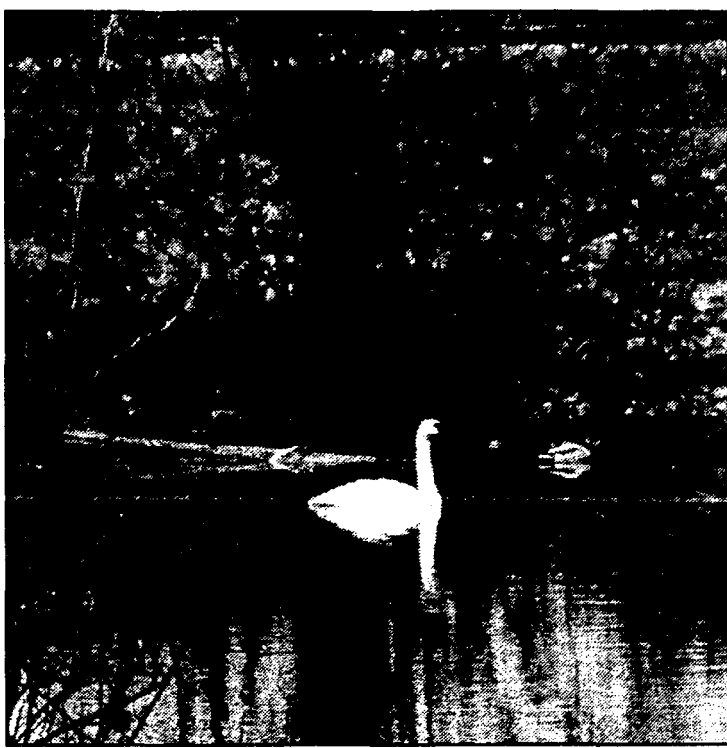


Photo courtesy of Bim Gutsch

TRANQUIL MOMENT - This trumpeter swan was captured on film by a visitor to the city park. The large white bird makes its home on the AuSable River, and has eluded *Avalanche* photographers.

HeadWaters Conservancy group to meet next week

The mission of the HeadWaters Land Conservancy is to provide assistance in stewardship to landowners who look for alternative ways of preserving their land in the future.

In the five years HeadWaters has been in existence, many property owners, from the 11-county area of northeast Michigan, have learned how the conservancy can help them reach that goal.

Do you have property that you have questions about? Maybe there is no one to leave the property to. Your property is special to you, could it be special to other people? Is there something about

your property that is worth preserving for educational or scenic endeavors?

Plan on attending the HeadWaters Land Conservancy's regular monthly meeting. Bring a friend or maybe you know someone else in the same predicament with their land. The public is always welcome.

The next regular monthly meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 10 at 7 p.m. at the County Courthouse in Mio, located one block southeast of the blinker light at M-33 and M-72.

For further information, please call (517) 826-5714.

4-H to hold swim classes

Swim classes, offered by the Crawford County 4-H, will begin the week of January 11, 1999.

Classes will be held on Monday and Wednesday at the Holiday Inn in Grayling.

Cost will be \$18 for the six-week program.

For more information or registration, contact the 4-H Office, located in the basement of the Crawford County Courthouse, or call the office at (517) 344-3264.

Due to county budget cuts, office hours have been reduced.

Please leave a message if no one is available.

"Chiropractic Care for my child? Why? His back doesn't hurt." A spinal check-up could be one of the most important of your child's life? Why? In addition to the stress of childbirth, the constant running, jumping, falling, and bumping of a normal childhood often cause vertebral subluxations with serious health consequences if uncorrected. Call today!

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Community Calendar

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Submit your public events to the Crawford County Avalanche

348-6811

Deadline: Thursday noon

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THURS 3	•TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) @ Mercy Hospital Riverside Room, 5 pm. For more information call Joanne 348-4416. •MERCY AMICARE HOSPICE SERVICES BEREAVEMENT support groups @ St. Mary's Learning Center, 3 - 5 pm, for more information call Mary Beth Dettling, 1-800-424-1457. •AUSABLE VALLEY SNOWMOBILE ASSOCIATION meeting @ Grayling Holiday Inn, 7 pm. •BEYOND THE GARDEN WALL CLUB meeting @ Michelson Memorial Church, 7 pm. For information call 348-7905. •GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING @ Grayling City Hall, 8pm. Call John W. 348-1776 or Marsh S. 348-1307 for more information.
FRI 4	•GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING @ St. Mary's Catholic Church, 12 noon & 8 pm. Call John W. 348-1776 or Marsh S. 348-1307 for more information.
SAT 5	•BREAKFAST WITH SANTA
SUN 6	•GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING @ St. Francis Episcopal Church, 8 pm. Call John W. 348-1776 or Marsh S. 348-1307 for more information. •ATTEND THE CHURCH of your choice today.
MON 7	•KIWANIS CLUB meeting @ Shoppenagon's Inn, 12 noon. •WELCOME WAGON NEWCOMERS meeting 6 p.m. Call Betty Mansfield or Rose Smith, 348-5598, for more information. •GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING @ St. Mary's Catholic Church, 12 noon & 8 pm @ Frederic Township Hall. Call John W. 348-1776 or Marsh S. 348-1307 for more information.
TUES 8	•GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING @ St. Mary's Catholic Church, 8 pm. Call John W. 348-1776 or Marsh S. 348-1307 for more information. •GPA MEETING @ Iron Gate Restaurant, 12 noon. •AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY meeting @ Citizens Bank, 1 p.m. •CRAWFORD COUNTY RESOURCE COUNCIL meeting @ Mercy Hospital private dining room, 12 noon.
WED 9	•ROTARY MEETING @ Patti's Towne House, 12 noon. •WEIGHT WATCHER'S meeting @ St. Francis Episcopal Church, M-72 West; weigh-in, 4:45 pm; meeting, 5:30 pm. For more information call Mary, 348-5306. •GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING @ St. Mary's Catholic Church, 12 noon. Call John W. 348-1776 or Marsh S. 348-1307 for more information.

HOLIDAY LOAN

RATES SET AT THE SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING.

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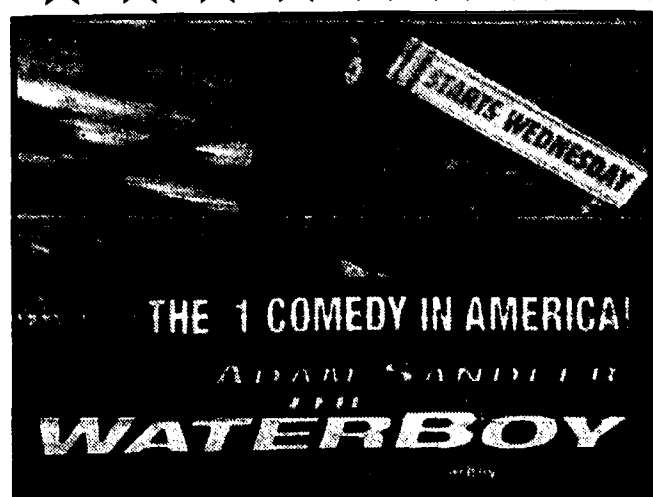
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Friday, Dec. 4 - Thursday, Dec. 10



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Sunday - 1:30 pm

Grayling Eagles

Auxiliary #3465

Eagles Club, 602 Huron
Grayling

Wednesday - 6:30 pm

**Knights of
Columbus**

K of C Hall, 604 Norway
Grayling

Thursday - 7 pm

**American
Legion Hall**

Post 106 - Grayling

Friday - 6:30 pm

Grayling Eagles

Aerie #3465

Eagles Club, 602 Huron
Grayling

Saturday - 6:30 pm

**Frederic
Volunteer Fire
Department**

Frederic Township Hall

The Bible Speaks

First Thanksgiving

For a more accurate understanding of our Thanksgiving roots, we have reproduced the first known public Thanksgiving proclamation of June 20, 1676:

"The Holy God having by a long and Continual Series of his Afflictive dispensations in and by the present War with the Heathen Natives of this land, written and brought to pass bitter things against his own Covenant people in this wilderness yet so that we evidently discern that in the midst of his judgements he hath remembered mercy, having remembered his Footstool in the day of his sore displeasure against us for our sins, with many singular Intimations of his Fatherly Compassion, and regard; reserving many of our Towns from Desolation Threatened, and attempted by the Enemy, and giving us especially of late with many of our Confederates many signal Advantages against them, without such Disadvantage to ourselves as formerly we have been sensible of, if it be the Lord's mercy that we are not consumed, It certainly bespeaks our positive Thankfulness, when our Enemies are in any measure disappointed or destroyed; and fearing the Lord should take notice under so many Intimations of his returning mercy, we

should be found an Insensible people, as not standing before Him with Thanksgiving as well as lading him with our Complaints in the time of pressing Afflictions:

The Council has thought meet to appoint and set apart the 29th day of this instant June, as a day of Solemn Thanksgiving and praise to God for such his Goodness and Favour, many Particulars of which mercy might be Instant, but we doubt not those who are sensible of God's Afflictions, have been as diligent to espy him returning to us; and that the Lord may behold us a People offering Praise and thereby glorifying Him; the Council doth commend it to the Respective Ministers, Elders and people of this Jurisdiction; Solemnly and seriously to keep the same Beseeching that being persuaded by the mercies of God we may all, even this whole people offer up our bodies and souls as a living and acceptable Service unto God by Jesus Christ."

(On June 20, 1676, the governing council of Charlestown, Massachusetts, held a meeting to determine how best to express thanks for the good fortune that had seen their community securely established. By unanimous vote they instructed

Edward Rawson, the clerk, to proclaim June 29 as a day of thanksgiving; our first. That proclamation is reproduced here in the same language and spelling as the original. -Prepared by Gerald Murphy (The Cleveland Free-Net-aa300). Distributed by the Cybercasting Services Division of the National Public Telecomputing Network (NPTN). Permission is hereby granted to download, reprint, and/or otherwise redistribute this file, provided appropriate point of origin credit is given to the preparer(s) and the National Public Telecomputing Network.)

(Psalms 100:4) "Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name." (2 Corinthians 9:15) "Thanks be unto God..."

Pastor "B"

Please pray for the ministry of this column and our church Websites at <http://freeway.net/~cba/> and at <http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Ranch/1263/>

"The Bible Speaks" is paid for by concerned Christians who support Grayling Calvary Baptist Church and who assume full responsibility for its content.

Kolka featured in religious paperback

A Grayling native's artwork is currently appearing in paperback nationwide.

A comic strip by Kurt J. Kolka is one of 57 which appears in the graphic novel, *Proverbs & Parables*, published by the Christian Comic Arts Society (CCAS) in California.

Kolka, son of James and Joyce Kolka of Grayling, was one of 60 cartoonists nationwide chosen to participate in the projects. Each cartoonist was given a proverb or parable from the Bible to illustrate in their own style.

While the artists were allowed to draw the scripture passage as a western, science-fiction, adventure, contemporary, funny animal, or any comic strip genre, they had to rely solely on the passage for any narration or dialogue within their strip.

CCAS chose Kolka to work on the project because of his work on his

own comic strip publication, *Cardinal Adventures*. The comic is a free, Christian publication produced annually and sponsored by Mount Hope Lutheran Church.

A part-time cartoonist, Kolka chose to use his superhero, the Cardinal, and one other character from *Cardinal Adventures* to illustrate his parable for the graphic novel.

"I was very surprised and very honored to be asked to work on the project," says Kolka. "It was also a little nerve-racking knowing my art-

work would appear in the same book as work done by professional cartoonists.

"There is so much talent concentrated in this one book. It's a great way to get children interested in reading scripture, but for adults to read as well," he concluded.

Kolka works full-time at Central Printing in Gaylord, where he lives with wife Diane, and his seven-month old daughter, Rebekah. *Proverbs & Parables* is available for purchase at The Word Bookstore in Gaylord.

Michelson plans Christmas musical

This Christmas season, Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church of Grayling will return to their tradition of presenting an annual holiday musical with the production of *The Christmas Schooner*.

The show will be staged in the church sanctuary December 18 - 20. Curtain time has been set for 7 p.m. each evening. The church is located at 400 Michigan Avenue.

The Christmas Schooner is a unique production in that it is based on a true story and the setting is Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

This critically-acclaimed holiday treat tells the story of a Michigan

shipping captain who braves the deadly winter weather to bring Christmas trees to homesick German-American families in turn-of-the-century Chicago.

His voyage becomes an annual tradition despite his wife's misgivings - until a fateful voyage makes her realize the true importance of his mission.

With its powerful, moving story and exquisite score, *The Christmas Schooner* is fast becoming a holiday classic.

Tickets for the production will go on sale December 7 and may be purchased at the church office or from any member of the cast.

Church Directory

We often hear it said that the only thing we are certain of is change. In the job market...in the stock market...even in the supermarket...there is constant change. Is there nothing we can depend on...nothing that is for certain?

In Malachi 3:6 we read, "For I the Lord do not change..." Since the Lord does not change, neither does his Word change. How does this aid us in an ever-changing society? It gives us a solid foundation which lends itself to confidence and reassurance. The Apostle Paul said in his letter to the Romans 15:4, "For whatever is written in former days was written for our instruction, that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope."

Combined with regular prayer and weekly worship, we have the courage to mold society in the image of the Creator.

With God's help, there is a better place. That is for certain.

For Certain



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Sunday
Matthew
24:29-51

Monday
Isaiah
12:1-6

Tuesday
Matthew
25:1-13

Wednesday
Matthew
25:14-30

Thursday
Matthew
25:31-46

Friday
Zechariah
9:9-17

Saturday
Zechariah
10:1-12

Christian Science Society
209 First St. - Suite 103 - Gaylord
Sunday Service... 10:30 am
April through October
2nd Wednesday... 8 pm

Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church
Pastor Jeffrey Jagers
400 Michigan Ave. • 348-2974
Sunday Worship... 8:30 & 11 am
Sunday School - Sept. - May... 9:45 to 10:45
Coffee Fellowship... 12 noon
Bible Study (Wed.)... 10 am

Seventh Day Adventist
Pastor Jeff Arthur
Phone 348-4033
Services held Saturday at Camp AUSAble off
M-72 East (1st building on right inside camp
entrance).
Church Service... 9:30 am
Sabbath School... 10:30 am
Prayer Meeting Tues... 7 pm

Burning Bush Tabernacle
Pastor Patricia Petrie, 348-1278
501 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling
Sunday School... 10 am
Sunday Service & Children's Church... 11 am
Sunday Evening Service... 6 pm
Monday Prayer Meeting... 7 pm
Wednesday Bible Study... 7 pm
Thursday Discipleship Class... 7 pm

Grayling Assembly of God
Rev. Ron Voelker, Pastor
701 S. I-75 Business Loop
Church 348-8885 • Parsonage 348-2588
Sunday School... 9:30 am
Morning Worship... 10:30 am
Evening Service... 6 pm
Wednesday - Family Night
Adult-Youth-Children... 7 pm

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
President Larry A. Cook
600 North Elm Street, Gaylord
Sacrament... 10 am
Sunday School... 11 am
Primary... 11 am
Priesthood... 12 noon
Relief Society... 12 noon

Emma Lowery United Church of Christ
Pastor, James Briney
3474 West Park Road
Sunday Worship... 11 am
Adult and Youth Sunday School... 9:30 am

Heritage Baptist
Pastor Ernie Wagner 348-1411
1841 Hartwick Pines Rd.
1/4 mile west of I-75
Sunday School... 9:45 am
Morning Worship... 11 am
Evening Worship... 6 pm
Wednesday... 7 pm

St. John Lutheran (ELCA)
Pastor Robert Faber
710 Spruce Street
348-5224
Sunday School... 9:15 am
Sunday Worship... 10:30 am
Nursery is available

Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
Pastor Patricia Fowler
North Down River Rd. at 1030 Glenn Rd.
P.O. Box 1188
Church School... 9:45 am
Preaching... 11 am
Midweek Service Prayer... 7 pm

Gaylord Christian Reformed
Rev. V. V. V.
415 Ohio North, Gaylord
Sunday School... 9:45 am
Morning Worship... 11 am
Evening Service... 6 pm
Wednesday Bible Study... 7:30 pm

St. Mary's Roman Catholic Community
Robert W. Nalley, J.V., Pastor
700-708 Peninsular - 348-7657
Sabbath Eucharist
Saturday Vigil Mass... 6 pm
Sunday Masses... 8:00 am
Family Mass... 10:00 am
Scripture Study (Sundays)... 9:15 am
Daily Masses
Wednesday & Fridays... 8:30 am
Our Worship space is never locked - utilize our Church for private prayer and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at any hour.

First Baptist Church of Frederic
Pastor Dale Hammond
Sunday School... 9:45 am
Morning Worship... 11 am
Evening Worship... 6 pm
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study... 7 pm

Calvary Baptist church
Dr. Robert Barnett, Pastor
M-72 West
Sunday School... 9:45 am
Morning Worship... 10:30 am
Evening Worship... 6 pm
Mid-Week Services
Wednesday... 7 pm
Prayer & Awana Club (Wed.)... 7 pm

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Local man brings computer service to your door

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

A couple months ago local computer expert Al Harland started his own business, called "@home Personal Computer Service," and now travels around the community taking care of his customers' various computer needs.

Specifically, Harland describes his business as "a complete personal computer company supplying on-site sales, repair, service and training for individuals as well as businesses."

The @home Personal Computer Service deals in used and new computers, including "its own brand of top quality PC systems," refurbished systems, used and new printers and other PC products and supplies.

Harland first started working with computers in the late 1970's with a three-year stint as a Computer Lab Assistant at Kirtland Community College (KCC). "Following KCC's employment I continued working on computers for friends, family, employers and others. I've been building, upgrading and repairing computers for almost 20 years," said Harland.

Harland said that he originally intended to go into secondary education. "My plan was to teach math and computer science; however, while attending Central Michigan University I was lured into a profession in retail automobile sales and didn't complete the teacher certification requirements," he said.

Harland said that @home is doing well so far. "Even though this business is just a few months old my customer base is growing and the people are just great. Most seem to

really enjoy having a computer business that comes to their home." Harland said he likes dealing with customers in "their familiar surroundings," where they "should be relaxed and feel at home."

According to Harland, "the popularity in the Internet and World Wide Web has resulted in more and more computers being placed in the average home. The result: personal computers are as common as the television, washing machine, or

telephone in many homes."

"Still," he continued, "the personal computer is unlike the average household appliance. The home computer industry is in its early childhood, even though it seems like these enchanting electric boxes have been around forever. Sometimes it is difficult enough for the average user to keep up with all the new computer jargon, much less perform hardware and software upgrades to get the most out of this new household

appliance."

"After years of building and repairing computers, showing people how to use popular software and helping them get connected to the Internet, I decided to start a business doing just that," Harland said. "It was a result of personal experience and observation that I opted for a home-based business that delivered its products and services to the customer, rather than just another retail computer store."



Photo courtesy of Melvin Nunn

MUSIC IN PROGRESS — Music teacher D.J. Brown instructs Ron Olson's fourth grade class at Frederic Elementary School on how to make musical instruments out of plastic cups. The rattling cups will be used during the opening number, *Sing A Song*, of the Frederic Holiday Concert scheduled for December 21 at 7 p.m.

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Camp recognized for tax reform

Congressman Dave Camp (R-MI) was named recently the 1998 Americans for Tax Reform (ATR) "Friend of the Taxpayer" award by ATR President Grover G. Norquist.

"It's an honor to be recognized with the 'Friend of the Taxpayer' award," said Camp. "I believe we must continue to provide broad based tax relief for all Americans, pay down the national debt and continue to work toward a smaller, less intrusive government."

ATR's "Friend of the Taxpayer" award is presented to the best of the best. To win the award, a congressman must first sign the Taxpayer Protection Pledge against any and all income tax hikes and score 90% or more on the ATR rating. Winners of the award vote consistently for lower taxes, less government and more freedom for American taxpayers.

"I am delighted to award Representative Camp the 1998 Friend of the Taxpayer award," said Norquist. "Representative Camp has proved to be a strong defender of taxpayers and a foe of wasteful government spending. Taxpayers have a real friend in Representative Dave Camp," concluded Norquist.

Americans for Tax Reform is a 70,000 member coalition of individuals, taxpayer groups, and business concerned with federal tax policy, spending reduction, a balanced budget and restoring accountability to elected officials.

Also, on November 18, Camp was elected to the Republican House Steering Committee for the 106th Congress.

Camp will represent members from the East North Central region of the country, consisting of 22

Representatives of Congress from Michigan, Indiana, and Illinois.

As a part of the Steering Committee, Camp will make nominations for Committee and Subcommittee Chairmen and determine committee assignments for all members of Congress.

"It was an honor to be elected by my colleagues to serve on the Steering Committee," said Camp. "I look forward to assuring the interests of the Great Lakes region are well represented in the House of Representatives."

Camp was one of 26 members elected from the entire Republican Conference to join the House Steering Committee.



TAXPAYERS' FRIEND - Rep. Dave Camp (left) receives the 1998 Americans for Tax Reform (ATR) "Friend of the Taxpayer" Award from ATR President Grover G. Norquist (right).

Wright awarded MSU fellowship

Grayling Township Supervisor Terry Wright has been selected out of 100 applicants from across the state to serve as one of 24 Michigan Political Leadership Program (MPLP) Fellows for 1999 at Michigan State University.

Participants in this multi-partisan program will learn leadership skills, public policy process and analysis, governance and political skills. Over 230 graduates of MPLP have learned to better serve their communities, constituents or causes since the program began in 1992.

Wright and other MPLP Fellows will meet one weekend every month for ten months to discuss state policy issues with prominent political, business, media, university and community leaders.

Fellows are especially geared toward working with diverse interests to build sound solutions for Michigan's future.

"MPLP expands the quality of lead-

ership in the public policy making process in the community and in government," said MPLP co-director Lynn Jondahl.

"This upcoming class will develop consensus-building skills that will distinguish them as a generation of community leaders dedicated to developing innovative public policy," MPLP co-director Anne Mervenne said.

Wright was elected to the position of Grayling Township Supervisor in November, 1996. A life-long Grayling resident, he was formerly the news editor of the *Crawford County Avalanche* and in the mid-1980's, served as director of the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Wright currently serves on the governing boards of the Crawford County Library, Crawford County Historical Society, Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce, and the Grayling

Kiwanis Club. He resides in Grayling Township with his wife Linda, and son Joel.

"I am thrilled to be chosen as an MPLP Fellow," Wright said. "It will provide a wonderful opportunity for me to learn to be a better servant to township residents."

Wright will be joined by awardees from the Upper Peninsula to Detroit, from Grand Rapids to Saginaw.

The fully-paid Fellowships are made possible through private and corporate contributions raised annually through fundraising events.

This year's event will take place on February 11, 1999, at the Laurel Manor in Livonia.

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Staff Writer

Dr. Mary Seger-Noss, a former instructor of nursing students at Kirtland Community College and Grayling Mercy Hospital, has begun practicing Holistic medicine for women.

Seger-Noss' office is located in Gaylord at the Otsego Memorial Hospital Clinic.

"Providing a Holistic approach to wellness for women of all ages," is her motto and her services run the gamut of healthcare demands. Services include annual gynecological exams, individualized personal health assessments, treatment of infections, minor injuries, and chronic problems such as diabetes and high blood pressure.

Seger-Noss also offers treatment options from regular prescriptions to botanical or herbal.

As a Doctor of Naturopathy, holding a Ph.D. in Natural Health from Clayton College of



Mary Seger-Noss, Ph.D., GNP

Natural Health, Seger-Noss focuses on health promotion. She offers a specialized weight management program to help patients make healthy decisions about eating for the purpose of increased energy. She offers instruction on stress-reducing activities and ways of enjoying physical activity to create lifelong habits toward total wellness.

Seger-Noss is certified as a Nurse Practitioner and Holistic Nurse, holding a MSN degree from Michigan State University. She has practiced as a Nurse Practitioner for one year in Family Practice and three years in Internal Medicine and is a frequent speaker at seminars covering many healthcare issues.

She belongs to Sigma Theta Tau International, American Academy of Nurse Practitioners, National Conference of Gerontological Nurse Practitioners and American Holistic Nurses Association.

Hospice has new Roscommon location

On November 1, Hospice of Michigan became the very first agency to locate in the newly designed Impact Office Business Center in downtown Roscommon.

The Business Center is located at 709 Lake Street, adjacent to Impact Office Products.

Hospice of Michigan Area Director, Sheila Simpson, states that the new hospice location, in suite 102, is cost effective and ideal for hospice staff who are usually out seeing patients, or meeting with members of the community, and thus do not require extensive office space. Especially appealing, she said, is the fact that the new location is barrier free, and therefore, more easily accessible to visitors and volunteers.

"We are delighted with our new worksite," said Simpson. "Good parking is available. The whole building is very tastefully done, and is very welcoming. I imagine the suites will all be leased very quickly."

The current Hospice worksite, formerly housed at 107 Main Street in Roscommon, has limited office hours, since most of the administrative work is centralized through a sister HOM site in Gaylord.

The Roscommon team includes nurses, home health aides, social work/bereavement manager, volunteer manager, chaplain, and a wonderful corps of volunteers serving not only Roscommon, but Grayling, Mio, Fairview, Higgins Lake, Houghton Lake, Prudenville, St. Helen and surrounding areas.

Hospice of Michigan services are available to all persons, of any age, who are living with any terminal illness. While most care is provided in the patient's home, hospice care is also available to residents of nursing homes and adult foster care homes.

Special donations are used to help provide services to those who have limited income or no insurance. Hospice of Michigan is dedicated to providing months of care and resources to anyone who qualifies.

For more information or immediate assistance, contact Hospice of Michigan 1-800-449-5560.

A community Open House to celebrate the opening of the Business Center will be held in the near future.

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| 2. Atlanta | 12. Denver |
| 3. NY Jets | 13. San Francisco |
| 4. Baltimore | 14. Georgia Tech. |
| 5. Jacksonville | 15. Syracuse |
| 6. Tampa Bay | 16. Virginia |
| 7. Seattle | 17. Southern Cal. |
| 8. New England | 18. Penn St. (79) |
| 9. Miami (40) | 19. Tennessee |
| 10. Green Bay | 20. U of M |

Week #13 Football Contest Winner

Joanne Thompson

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- only 7 correctly picked Washington over Oakland in game 11.
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

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SENIOR PERSPECTIVE

Senior Center names Volunteer of the Month

Violet LaFountain was recently named the Commission on Aging's Senior Center Volunteer of the Month for December.

For five years LaFountain has volunteered in the kitchen and dining room at the center. She also puts in many hours working on craft shows and bake sales. She is willing to help in any area she is asked.

LaFountain moved to Grayling from Pontiac, where she resided for 20 years. She has raised seven

children and now enjoys her pet bird, a cockatiel.

A devout Christian, LaFountain attends Bible Study every week at the center.

Her hobbies include crafting, working with plastic canvas, and most of all says she loves to crochet.

LaFountain said she loves to play Bingo every week and enjoys being a spectator at Senior Center dances, and every once in a while, gets up and "has a go-around."

SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

by Jan Farley

Special thought for the week: If you think you have no faults, that makes one more!

Have you eaten all the turkey left-overs yet? Most of mine are in the freezer, for later, much later! Just think, it won't be too long before we have a big Christmas dinner...

Speaking of big dinners, our Thanksgiving dinners were attended by 165 people! We were so happy to see all the folks and 51 of them stayed for the dancing in between the dinners.

Same thing happens on December 15 with our Christmas dinners. Call for reservations and let us know which dinner you want to come to.

Also, look forward to the Christmas Tea and cookie exchange on December 16 at 4 p.m. Please bring two dozen cookies, in four bags so that they may be exchanged in packages of a half-dozen. You bring in two dozen and take home a dozen and a half, (a variety pack)! (The other half-dozen gets munched at the "Tea.")

Your week ahead:
On December 2 "BK" Bingo at 12:30 p.m.; Casino trip on December 3 and Marilyn Rosi will be here at 12:15 p.m. to speak on the school bond issue; Pantry Bingo at 1 p.m. on December 4 and Sunday Brunch on December 6 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

SHARE sign-up will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on December 7, as well as Hangman at 5:30 p.m.; Trivia at 5:30 p.m. on December 8; Birthday luncheon at 12:30 p.m. on December 9, as well as the RSVP White Elephant auction at 5:30 p.m. Blood Pressures taken from 11 a.m. to noon on December 10; Frederic Satellite on December 11 and Pantry Bingo at 1 p.m.

Just a reminder that our congregate meals are served at 12 noon and 5 p.m. Monday thru Thursday and lunch only on Friday. We have a fruit and vegetable salad bar on Tuesdays and soup is served on Monday and Wednesday. Please try to make a reservation, if you can, by calling (517) 348-7123 or 1-888-355-4500.

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7 Fish Fillets/Weiner Schnitzel
8 Spaghetti and Meatballs/Chicken Kiev
9 Beef Pot Pie/Swiss Steak
10 Chicken Stir Fry/Baked Ham
11 Beef Ragout/no dinner

Thought to leave you with: The difficulties of life are intended to make us better, not bitter.

Make plans now to attend Special Gift Tree Christmas Holiday Dinner will help area kids

The Commission on Aging (COA) will be serving their Christmas Holiday Dinner on Tuesday, December 15, at the Senior Center on Lawndale.

There will be two meals served that day to help accommodate everyone's schedule.

The first meal will be served at 12 noon and the second at 5 p.m.

In between the meals, a dance will be held with hostess Tina Kennedy.

Special prices for the holiday dinner is \$2 for seniors and \$3.50 for juniors.

Call ahead, at 348-7123, to make reservations, specifying which meal you wish to attend.

The next dance will be the COA's New Year's Eve celebration planned for Tuesday, December 29. The Senior Center will bring in 1999 at 12 noon, instead of 12 midnight, with lunch and a party.

There is a special tree in the lobby of the Senior Center on Lawndale that will help warm the hearts of area kids this Christmas.

The tree is decorated with tags and on each tag there is the word "boy" or "girl" and an age.

Seniors can pick one or more tags and provide a gift for a child who might not otherwise receive anything this Christmas.

Gifts can range anywhere

from a Hot Wheels® toy car to homemade hat and mittens.

Wrapped gifts must be returned to the center by December 10. The gifts will be distributed by the Crawford County Community Christian Help Center.

Legion donates to home bound meal program

The American Legion in Grayling has made a donation of money to the Crawford County Commission on Aging (COA) Meals-On-Wheels Program.

The COA reports that with the delivering of the meals being so expensive, this donation will help out a lot.

Exchange your favorite cookies

The Commission on Aging will hold a Christmas Tea and Cookie Exchange on Wednesday, December 16th at 4 p.m.

Those who wish to participate should bring two dozen cookies divided into four bags or containers so

that they may be exchanged in packages of a half-dozen.

Participants will take home a variety pack of a dozen-and-a-half cookies, with the remaining half dozen to be shared at the tea.

McIntosh plays Santa

Grayling resident, Robert McIntosh, Jr., played Santa Claus for the senior citizen residents of the Grayling Senior Housing this year.

McIntosh has donated small gifts to distribute to the residents on Tuesday, December 15.

Crawford County Commission on Aging

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That's the aim of Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), Michigan with its thirteenth annual Red Ribbon "Tie One On For Safety" holiday safe and sober driving campaign that began today in Lansing.

Governor John Engler "Tied One On For Safety" at the opening ceremony at the Capitol, leading the way for thousands of motorists who are expected to tie on over a million red ribbons in Michigan during the next six weeks of the

campaign, showing their commitment to sober driving.

From November 23, 1998, through January 1, 1999, the potentially life-saving traffic safety initiative encourages drivers to tie a MADD red ribbon to a visible place on their automobile as a symbol of their personal decision to drive sober and to remind other drivers to do the same.

"These symbolic red ribbons can even be seen as red flags calling our attention to the dangers of drunk driving and warning us it's time to take action...to tie one on for safety. Let's tie on a red ribbon and knock off drunk driving," urged Kenneth La Salle, Ph.D., executive director, MADD, Michigan to the crowd gathered for the opening ceremony.

"The Tie One On For Safety" holiday campaign was created in 1986 to urge Americans to drive sober during the dangerous holiday season and throughout the year. The campaign is geared around the holiday season when more people are traveling to visit family and friends, companies are holding annual holiday parties, and individuals are hosting festivities. This is a high-risk time of the year when awareness is critical.

Historically, from Thanksgiving to New Year's Day, a greater percentage of fatal crashes on the state's and nation's roadways involve alcohol.

Hopefully a sign of progress, in Michigan in 1997, two of the three major year-end holidays had a lower rate of alcohol involvement in fatal traffic crashes than the annual percentage of 37.5 percent (544 of the total 1,446 fatalities involved alcohol): Thanksgiving - 5 of the 18 deaths involved alcohol, 27.7 percent; Christmas - 3 of the 15 deaths involved alcohol, 20 percent; and New Year's, 13 of the 24 traffic fatalities involved alcohol, 54.1 percent.

Nationwide in 1997, there were two alcohol-related traffic deaths per hour, 45 per day and 315 per

week. That is the equivalent of two jetliners crashing week after week (National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1998).

MADD reminds drivers that even the smallest amount of alcohol begins to compromise driving skills and decision making, so selecting a designated driver is advised before any drinking begins. The designated driver should remain alcohol-free to provide a safe ride home.

Planning ahead is important because it's not how many drinks it takes to effect driving skills--it's how few. Alcohol-free is the safest way to be (and the surest bet) when getting behind the wheel.

The Michigan "Tie One On For Safety" is part of MADD's nation-

wide effort getting underway Thanksgiving week; the campaign theme is "MADD is on the ribbon. Saving lives is on our mind."

MADD red ribbons are available from any MADD chapter in Michigan, from many law enforcement agencies, Allstate Insurance agencies, Precision Tune Auto Care centers, participating businesses, and select community locations throughout the holiday season.

For more information on participating in or conducting a local "Tie One On For Safety" campaign or to obtain a red ribbon, contact a MADD chapter or the MADD, Michigan State Office at 910 Eastlawn, Midland, MI 48642; FAX (517) 631-8813; or PH (517) 631-6233.

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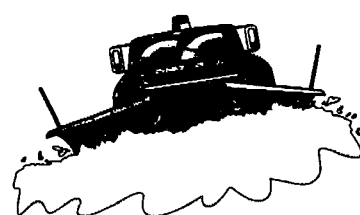
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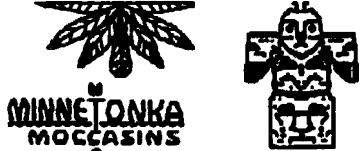
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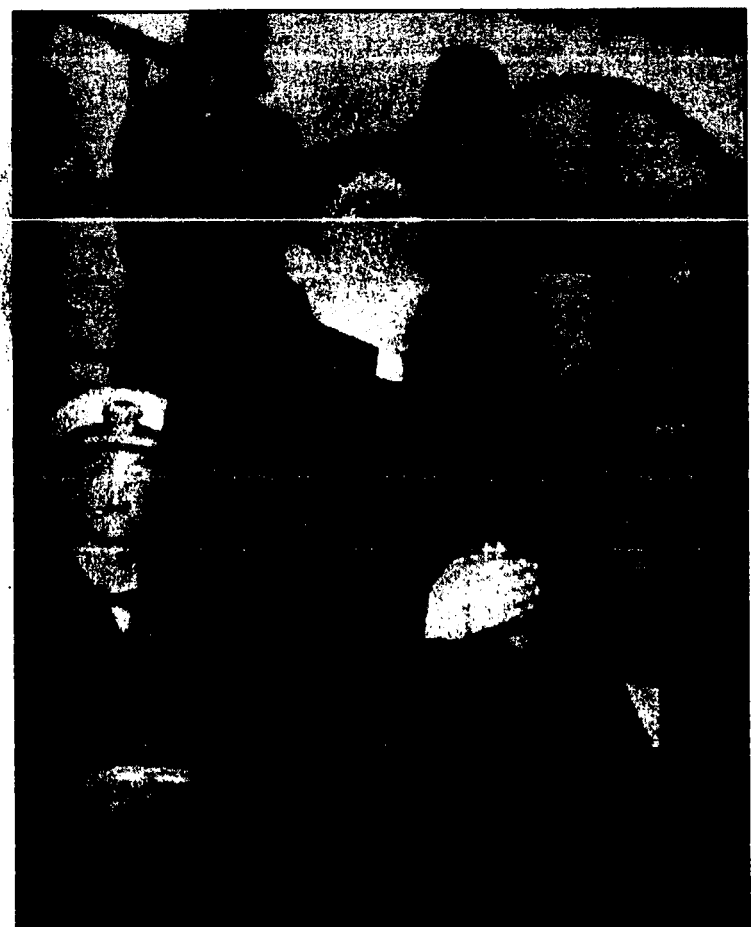
GHS Drama performs Anything Goes



THEY'RE NO ANGELS - Coming out to take a bow are Reno's Five Angels. The naughty angels are, from left, Jenny French as Chastity, Amanda Fortino as Purity, Erin Scott as Faith, Colby Davis as Charity, and Rachel Ramaswamy as Virtue.



ANCHORS AWEIGH, MY BOYS - No ship is complete without a few men in uniform. John Bancroft (left) and Shane Stevenson (right) make their way on stage for a final bow.



YEA-BO, PREACHER MAN - Little do the passengers and crew of the S.S. American know, but that preacher leading the religious service is really the hilarious Moon Face Martin - Public Enemy #13, played by Jared Armstrong.



UP TO NO GOOD - Sir Oakleigh, played by Joe Pilon, is tempted by the seductive charms of Reno Sweeney, played by Heather Ross, as they perform *Let's Misbehave*.



NEVER GIVE UP - Billy Crocker, played by Jason Bordeaux (left), listens as Hope Harcourt, played by Heidi Niederer (right), assures him of her love in a reprise duet of *All Through the Night*.



Photos courtesy of Nancy Lemmen

NOT MEANT TO BE - The ship's captain, played by Ben Sartin (left) officiates at the ill-fated nuptials of Sir Oakleigh (center) played by Joe Pilon and Hope Harcourt, played by Heidi Niederer. Passenger and photographer, played by Jenna Bugyi and Amanda Bordeaux, respectively, watch from the ship's upper level as the couple faces their doomed marriage.



ALL OF ME - Bonnie, played by Gina Rosi, offers an enthusiastic bow to the crowd, with Moon Face Martin - Public Enemy #13, played by Jared Armstrong, close behind.

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One favorite is the Glass Pickle ornament. Pickle ornaments were considered a special decoration by many families in Germany, where the fir tree was decorated on Christmas Eve. The pickle was hidden deep inside the green boughs of the tree and the first child to find the pickle would receive an extra little gift from St. Nicholas for being so observant.

With all these wonderful ornaments, The Icehouse staff hopes customers may even want to join the Old World Christmas Collectors' Club, now forming in Grayling.

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Varsity Basketball prepares to defend NEMC co-title

The Grayling Vikings Varsity Basketball Team will have 10 letter winners from last year returning for the 1998-99 season.

Last season's team tied for first place in the North East Michigan Conference (NEMC) with two other teams, posting an 11-5 conference record (13-8 overall).

"It should be another exciting year in the NEMC," said Coach Rich Moffit. "Ogemaw has some key players back from last year's team and they should be very good. Gladwin possesses the quickest team in the league with great shooters. There are a number of teams that could challenge for the league title."

"One thing is certain in this league," continued Moffit. "You cannot take a night off when you are playing 16 league games. I was very impressed with the parity of the league last year and I expect this year's conference race to be very similar."

The following is a list of brief profiles of this year's varsity players, beginning with the 10 returning lettermen. Profiles include a short scouting report of each player by Coach Moffit:

Nate Hinkle -- 6'3" guard, junior, Co-Captain of the team this year.

Hinkle was First Team All-League last year and was named to the Detroit News Class B 6th Team. He also received an Honorable Mention from the Detroit Free Press and the Associated Press.

Last year Hinkle averaged 26 points, three steals and seven rebounds per game.

Scouting Report: "Nate has improved a ton since last year. He has improved many areas of his game."

Eli Tobin -- 5'10" point guard, junior, Co-Captain of the team. Tobin made the First Team All-League last year and was a Detroit News All-State Honorable Mention. He averaged 16 points, 6.5 rebounds and eight assists per game.

Scouting Report: "Eli is a relentless defender and a floor general on the court. How tough is Tobin? Last year he played four games with a fractured foot."

Brad Ritter -- 6'2" forward/center, senior. Ritter averaged eight points and six rebounds per game in the '97-98 season.

Scouting Report: "Brad has improved his offensive game. A strong rebounder who is a key player if we are going to be successful."

Nate Beckwith -- 6'1" forward,

senior. Beckwith was an All-League Honorable Mention last season, averaging 11 points per game.

Scouting Report: "Solid shooter who can really knock down the outside shot."

Adam Knapp -- 6'4" forward, junior.

Scouting Report: "Solid low post player who has really improved his post moves. Adam gives us a player who can score from the block. Started 15 games last year as a sophomore."

David Hawkins -- 6'2" guard, junior. Hawkins averaged six points last year while playing varsity ball.

Scouting Report: "Played four games on the varsity team as a sophomore. Solid outside shooter who can take the ball to the hole. Excellent passer and a key player for us this year."

Mike Ostwald -- 6'1" forward, senior. He averaged four points per game.

Scouting Report: "Excellent rebounder and defender. Mike has improved his offensive game and should be a solid player for us this year."

Jeremy Millikin -- 6'1" guard, senior.

Scouting Report: "Top notch defender who played a key role on our team last year. Currently, Jeremy is out with an injury. We should have him back by the first game. Good shooter and ball handler."

Travis Huber -- 5'10" guard, senior.

Scouting report: "Best defender. He will guard the top offensive player. Strong work ethic and an

excellent screener in our motion offense. Can knock down the three-pointer."

Pete Mead -- 5'10" point guard, senior.

Scouting Report: "Gave us some quality minutes last year when Tobin was in foul trouble. Possesses good ball handling skills and is a solid defender."

The following players are new to the varsity team this year:

Brad Wilson -- 5'10" guard, junior.

Scouting Report: "Excellent defender and a good shooter. Possesses a strong work ethic."

Brian McCurdy -- 6'3" forward, junior.

Scouting Report: "Solid offensive player who is very athletic. Has improved a ton at the defensive end of the court."

Moffit said that the team as a whole has a number of positive qualities, including experience, athletic ability, strong shooting and solid full-court pressure. He mentioned that his team is young, however, and also may be out-matched in size by some teams.

"We have the ability to be pretty good this year," said Moffit. "Our kids have worked their tails off in practice and we have set some pretty lofty goals. Setting goals is an easy thing to do. Achieving goals is difficult. If our kids can continue to work hard in practice we have the potential to be decent."

"Offensively we will try to play up-tempo and create fastbreak opportunities," he continued.

"Defensively, we will pressure every inch of the court with the hope of creating turnovers."



"Obviously, we need to stay away from injuries," Moffit added. "Last year, it hurt with Eli playing with a fractured foot and Milly coming back from an injury playing at 70%."

The Varsity squad will participate in a "Meet the Teams" night on Friday, December 4. The event, which will be held at Grayling High School, will start with a spaghetti dinner. The dinner will run from 5 p.m.-6:30 p.m., and the teams will then participate in scrimmage games.

The Grayling Varsity, JV, Freshmen teams as well as the 7th and 8th grade Grayling Middle School squads will all be present at the "Meet the Teams" event.

Tickets for the dinner and subsequent basketball action will cost \$5, or \$20 for a family. Tickets can be purchased at the door or from any of the players.

The JV and Varsity Vikings will open their regular season by hosting the Roscommon Bucks on Tuesday, December 8.

Undefeated Red Hacker Champs



Photo courtesy of Keith Bobenmoyer

2 SWEET TO BEAT -- (From left to right) Nick Baynham, Chris Youngblood, Justin Neuberger and Marcus Bobenmoyer went undefeated in a recent Red Hacker tournament hosted by Central Michigan University, November 14-15, taking first place in the 14-15 year old division.

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 Glen's Market 22 - 26
 Peterson Saw Service 22 - 26
 Cornell 14.5 - 33.5
 High Game: J. Czapek, 201; J. Andersen, 193; J. Hinds, 190.
 High Series: J. Hinds, 547; A. Mastej, 512; B. Wheeler, 495.

Northwood

Rochette's 37 - 11
 Rich's Cycle Service 27.5 - 20.5
 Millikin's 25 - 23
 Shady Acres Party Store 23 - 25
 Darrell's Roofing 23 - 25
 R. Calkins & Sons 21.5 - 26.5
 R & M Masonry 18 - 30
 Milltown Chiropractic 17 - 31
 High Game: L. Dannenberg, 212; W. Sheldon, 198; T. Raybould, 186.
 High Series: L. Dannenberg, 525; M. Miller, 502; S. Harney and T. Raybould, 484.

American Men's

Upper Lakes 19 - 9
 McLean's Ace 18 - 10
 Fenton's Auto 17 - 11
 Gaylord Ford 17 - 11
 Stitches by Sue 12 - 16
 Moore's Auto 11 - 17
 Joel's Team 9 - 19
 Forrest Bros. 9 - 19
 High Game: J. Thayer, 279; M. Sumner, 244; J. Lee, 223.

High Series: J. Thayer, 652; Larry Davis, Jr., 570; J. DuBois Jr, 565.

Triangle

Barber Const. 31 - 13
 C.S.I. Ind. Sys. 28 - 16
 Airway Auto 21 - 23
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 Sumner 20 - 25
 Johnson 8 - 36
 High Game: C. Melick, 236; J. Golnick, 205; D. Barrett, 196.
 High Series: C. Melick, 572; J. Golnick, 570; M. Sumner, 538.

Sunday Night Mixed

Waste Management 35 - 13
 Wakeley's Auto Parts 27 - 21
 Custom Interiors 25.5 - 22.5
 R&M Masonry 25 - 23
 Us & Them 23.5 - 24.5
 McDonald's 21 - 27
 McDonald's of Gaylord 18 - 30
 Citgo 17 - 31
 Men's High Game: R. Hinds, 233; R. Pyle, 200; R. Adkinson, 187.
 Men's High Series: R. Hinds, 570; R. Adkinson, 538; R. Pyle, 507.
 Women's High Game: N. Glasslee, 225; L. Dannenberg, 207; J. Hinds, 201.
 Women's High Series: N. Glasslee, 558; L. Dannenberg, 543; J. Hinds and A. White, 529.

National First

Faustman's Insurance 50 - 27
 Grayling Ford 45 - 32



Forest Brothers 41 - 39
 Hellebuyck Masonry 38 - 39
 Century 21 37 - 40
 Northern White Tail 35 - 42
 Swamp II 33 - 44
 Gun's & Grub's 29 - 48
 High Game: A. Angove, 268; T. Devins, 236; C. Brill, 233.
 High Series: A. Angove, 667; T. Devins, 619; P. Miller, 603.
Senior Citizen's League
 Cornell Realty 27-21
 Sylvester's Sports 26.5-21.5
 Tees "N" Such "R" Us 25-23
 Totten's Body Shop 24-24
 Buccilli's Pizza 24-24
 Stevens Family Circle 23-25
 Flowers By Josie 22-26
 Baynham Forest Products 20.5-27.5
 Women's High Three: D. Mead, 469; P. Harris 458; D. Hall, 433.
 Women's High Three: D. Mead, 179; P. Harris, 176; A. Payne, 171.
 Men's High Three: G. Wolfe, 557; P. Mead, 455; F. Krolikowski, 431;
 Men's High Single: G. Wolfe, 206; K. Harris, 173; A.J. Hall, 172.

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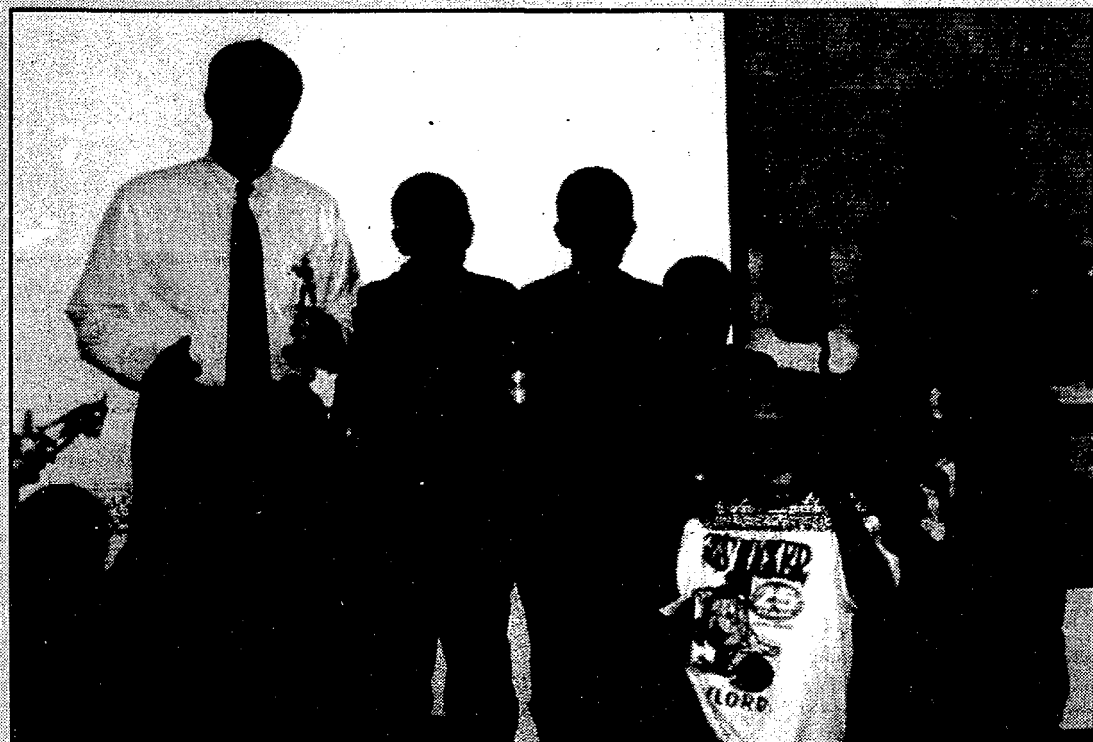
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T-birds 26 - 10
 Ramblers 23 - 13
 Mustangs 18 - 18
 Chevilles 18 - 18
 Corvettes 18 - 18
 Road Masters 16 - 20
 Mercury Cruisers 13 - 23
 Camaro's 12 - 24
 High Scratch Game Male - D.J.
 Canfield, 197; Female - B.
 Yanniello, 144.
 High Scratch Series: Male - R.
 Strohpaui, 498; Female - A.
 Sturdivant, 369.
 Most Pins Over Average Male - N.
 Namara, 57; Female - A.
 Yanniello, 51.

Most Pins Over Series Male -M.
 Thomas, 103; Female - A.
 Yanniello, 80.

Rock

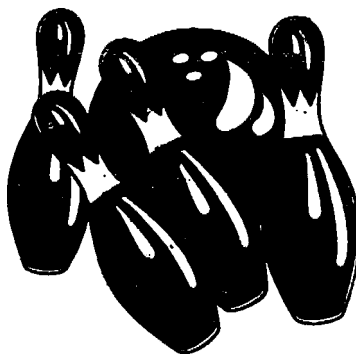
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 Pretenders 15 - 12
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 Supremes 13 - 14
 Temptations 12 - 15
 Tops 7.5 - 19.5
 High Scratch Game: Male - S.
 Isenhauer, 114; Female - S.
 Wilkerson, 111.
 High Scratch Series: Male - S.
 Isenhauer, 218; Female - S.
 Wilkerson, 201.

Most Pins Over Average: Male -
 D. Latusek, 40; Female -S.
 Wilkerson, 40.

Most Pins Over Series: Male -D.
 Latusek, 8.

Roll

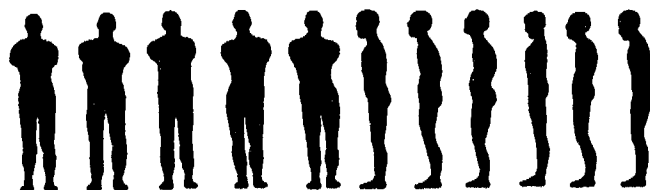
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 Limbo's 13 - 14
 Surfers 12 - 15
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 Jail House Rockers 11 - 16
 Rock'n Robins 9 - 18
 High Scratch Game: Male - P.
 Armstrong, 152; Female - M.
 McGuire, 92.
 High Scratch Series: Male -P.



Armstrong, 290; Female - M.
 McGuire, 160.
 Most Pins Over Average: Male -J.
 Jansen, 48; Female - S. Adair, 22.

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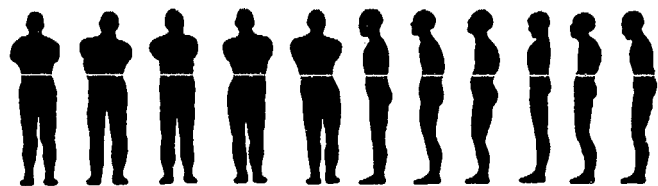
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PERFORMING ARTS

I'm Interested in Drama/Forensics

- Auditorium Acoustics will be improved
- New stage lighting will be installed
- A stagecraft production lab will be built in the present shop rooms
- Auditorium and stage storage will be added
- A performing arts classroom will be added
- Auditorium seating will be expanded from 396 to 650

I Attend the Cultural Events Series

- A large new lobby will be constructed for auditorium and gymnasium events
- See drama/forensics improvements above

I'm Interested in Band

- An ensemble practice room will be added
- A storage room will be added
- Current storage rooms will be converted to large practice rooms
- Auditorium Acoustics will be improved
- Auditorium seating will be expanded

I'm Interested in Choir

- The choir room will be returned to the choir
- See band improvements above

ACADEMICS

I'm Interested in the 3 R's

- District curriculum conforms with state standards and benchmarks in all academic areas
- Current high school seniors scored well above the state average in reading, science, mathematics and writing on the MEAP in the spring of 1998
- A new academic cluster featuring four new science labs will be added
- A total of seven additional classrooms will provide space for the enrollment of the next ten years
- Two of the existing science labs will be renovated into business technology labs

MEDIA and TECHNOLOGY

I'm Interested in Improving the Media Center

- The media center will be remodeled to accommodate print and electronic media
- Natural light will be introduced into the media center
- The current state of the art technology will be expanded into new sections of the building

VISUAL ARTS

I'm Interested in Art

- A new art room with natural light, high ceilings and adequate space will be added
- The new art room will be located next to journalism, AutoCAD, and drafting creating a visual arts cluster

I'm Interested in AutoCAD & Drafting

- A new AutoCAD room with adequate space and the existing technology will be added
- The current drafting room will remain
- AutoCAD and drafting will be part of a new visual arts cluster with art and journalism

I'm Interested in Journalism

- A new journalism room with necessary technology and space will be added

ATHLETICS and PHYSICAL EDUCATION

I'm Interested in Competitive Sports

- The gymnasium will be expanded so that three teams can practice at the same time
- The mezzanine will become the wrestling practice area with bleachers removed
- The girls locker room will be expanded to include a varsity locker room in compliance with federal law
- A new large lobby directly off the parking lot will be constructed for auditorium and gymnasium events
- The new cafeteria will serve as a concession and gathering area
- Seating will be expanded to 2,500

- My group is interested in using the gym
- Increased floor space will allow more community use at more convenient times

SAFETY

I'm Interested Student Safety

- Drives, parking lots, and entries from the highway will be changed to separate buses, student vehicles, staff vehicles, and visitor and parent vehicles
- Traffic flow and parking will be safer

OFFICES and MEETING SPACE

I'm Interested in space for meetings and Itinerant Personnel

- Office space will be added to accommodate district itinerant personnel and outside agencies serving students in the school
- Large and small conference rooms will be added to accommodate meetings with school personnel and outside agencies which occur daily

HEATING, VENTILATING and AIR CONDITIONING

I'm Interested in a Comfortable Environment Conducive to Learning

- The obsolete heating, ventilating, and air conditioning (HVAC) system will be completely replaced
- Classroom temperature will be effectively controlled
- There will be adequate air exchange
- The new system will save enough money in utility costs to cover the utility costs for the additional space
- The new system will be quiet therefore improving the classroom instructional atmosphere
- All building windows will be replaced with insulated glass improving energy efficiency

CAFETERIA and KITCHEN

I'm Interested in a Pleasant Cafeteria for School and Community Events

- A new cafeteria with natural light and enough space for half the student population will be added
- The cafeteria will be a self contained facility with bathrooms
- The cafeteria will be ideal for school events including dances
- The kitchen will be full service with a large queuing area

BUILDING ENTRIES

I can't figure out where to enter

- A new inviting lobby will be added to the front of the building
- A new large lobby directly off the parking lot will be constructed for auditorium and gymnasium events
- Double entries will be constructed at main building entry areas improving energy efficiency and eliminating drafts

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Grayling Recreation Authority News

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SNOWBOARD CLUB - Join the club and receive community service hours for High School Graduation. It is a great time spent with friends helping our community.

Meetings for the club are Tuesdays at 3:33 p.m. in the Main Lodge at Hanson Hills.

Season memberships may also be worked off through this club.

For more information call Jessica at (517) 348-9266.



gain community service hours.

THE OUTBACK - Hanson Hills is pleased to announce 2,288 ft. of new terrain. The Outback consists of two new hills and is a day area only.

INTERNET - Visit us at our new home page-www.hansonhills.org or E-mail us at hansonhills@mich.com. You can check out all the happenings at Hanson Hills.

FACILITY RENTAL - The Fred Bear Memorial Center has new paint and carpeting. Don't forget - The building is available for meetings. We have facilities for your parties, reunions and events.

The gym is an excellent place for a Birthday Party or rainy day use at only \$15 an hour. The main lodge is \$175 per day. Please call (517) 348-9266.

ATTENTION BOARDERS - Meeting times are now at 3:33 p.m. on Tuesdays at Hanson Hills. Lots of opportunities to

SeaBees work on Hanson half-pipe

At the request of Cindy Olson, Manager of Hanson Hills Recreation area, the 1526 Detachment Navy Mobile Construction Battalion (SeaBees) recently completed work on two projects at Hanson Hills.

One project involved reshaping the top of the main hill, which should improve the performance of snow-making and snow-packing machines.

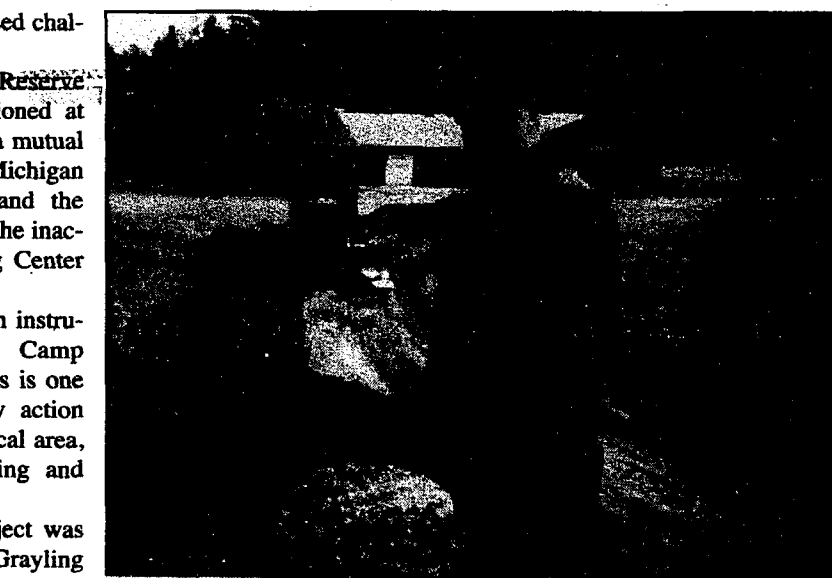
The other project involved changing the depth of the half-pipe snowboard run from six feet to approximately 14 feet deep, which should make it an increased challenge for snowboarders.

The U.S. Navy Reserve SeaBees have been stationed at Camp Grayling through a mutual agreement between the Michigan Army National Guard and the U.S. Navy Reserve after the inactivation of their Training Center in Cadillac.

The SeaBees have been instrumental in numerous Camp Grayling projects and this is one of their first community action projects benefiting the local area, providing realistic training and saving taxpayer dollars.

Assistance for the project was provided by the Camp Grayling Facility Engineer directorate.

HALF-PIPE CONSTRUCTION -- The SeaBees work on the Hanson Hills snowboarding half-pipe with a D-7 dozer. The pipe, which is located in front of the main lodge, is now 14 feet deep.



Photos courtesy of Camp Grayling

COMMUNITY PROJECT -- Master Sergeant Bill Johnson of Grayling stands on the edge of the half-pipe, which the SeaBees re-shaped and deepened. In the background, members of the Navy Construction Battalion work the D-7 dozer and front-end loader.

TOP Video movies

WHAT'S NEW ... WHO'S HOT

- Eddie Murphy
DR. DOLITTLE
- Samuel L. Jackson Kevin Spacey
THE NEGOTIATOR
- Bruce Willis Liv Ullmann Ben Affleck
ARMAGEDDON
- Johnny Depp
PEARL AND LOATHING IN LAS VEGAS
- Jodie Chan
OPERATION CONDOR 2
- Norm Macdonald Jack Warden Chevy Chase Don Rickles
DIRTY WORK
- It's Graduation Day
CAN'T HARDLY WAIT
- MGM Animated
AN ALL DOGS CHRISTMAS CAROL
- Robert Redford
THE HORSE WHISPERER
- Tay Aiden Figueira
SMALL SOLDIERS
- Mary Kate Ashley Olsen
BILLYBOARD BOY
- Warner Bros. Animated
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Cultural Events to present Christmas special

This year's traditional Christmas Special, "The Music and Magic of Christmas," will open December 3 in the Joseph Stripe Auditorium at Grayling High School.

This year's performance will feature a contribution of musical offerings that will both entertain and praise the spirit of the holidays.

The entertainment will include the always popular Michigan Opera Theatre (MOT) Singers, the North Oakland Brass, the 24-member Wyandotte Academy Youth Choir, and the magic of Joe Holiday. Holiday has been hailed by audiences and critics alike as one of the most talented members of the new generation of illusionists.

The Wyandotte Academy Youth Choir Ensemble is a special group of students selected through an audition process from the Wyandotte Academy Youth Choir (WAYC).

This group auditioned for the Andrew Lloyd Webber production of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* at the Masonic Temple Theatre in Detroit.

There were originally 350 groups that auditioned. The WAYC Ensemble was one of the ten finalists. Since their 'Joseph' endeavor, the group has received numerous calls for performances, most of



Photo courtesy of CASD Community Education Cultural Events Office

YOUNG PERFORMERS – The Wyandotte Academy Youth Choir Ensemble will perform once again in this year's traditional Christmas Special on December 3.

which have been fulfilled.

For the last two years, the Ensemble has accompanied Malcolm Dalglish (internationally known composer, arranger and hammered dulcimer player) on tours of schools in the district of Wyandotte, as well as joining him for performances in the Southgate and Grosse Ile school districts.

Select members performed with

the Michigan Opera Theatre this past February for the Wyandotte Scholarship Foundation and the group is excited to be collaborating with them again.

The Christmas Special has been an annual presentation of the Community Education Cultural Events Series and is made possible with the financial support of area business and corporations and

Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs (MCACA).

Tickets for this "one performance only" special are \$6 per person. A special family rate, up to five tickets at \$20, is available. Tickets may be purchased through any Grayling High School Band member or by calling the Community Education Box Office at (517) 348-7641, ext. 123.

Sleeping Beauty returns to Interlochen

The ten-year slumber will soon be over for *Sleeping Beauty*, when the Interlochen Dance Division brings the ballet to life for the first time in a decade, December 11 - 13.

A new production of *Sleeping Beauty* will be performed by Interlochen Arts Academy Dance

students as their holiday ballet offering in the Corson Auditorium at 7:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday, December 11 and 12. Matinee performances will be held at 1 p.m., Saturday, December 12 and at 3 p.m., Sunday, December 13.

Over 50 new costumes and a lav-

ish new set will be created for this production, which runs approximately 90 minutes.

This beautiful ballet is one of the famed collaborations between composer Pyotr Tchaikovsky and choreographer Marius Petipa.

In *Sleeping Beauty* the king and queen are celebrating the christening of their only child, Princess Aurora, when furious and uninvited fairy Caraboss presents a spindle as her gift to the princess. She foretells that the princess will prick her finger on a similar gift when she is 16 years old and will die.

Amidst the despair, the Lilac Fairy gives her gift. Though she cannot remove the curse, she can change it. The princess will not die, but sleep for 100 years and be awakened by the kiss of a handsome prince, led to her by the Lilac Fairy.

Ticket prices are \$15 for adults and \$7 for students 18 and under. To order tickets or for more information on this and other Interlochen offerings, please call the box office at (616) 276-6230.

Box office hours are Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturday, 12 noon to 4 p.m.



FAMILY CLASSIC RETURNS – Matt Prescott and Lauren Davitt rehearse for *Sleeping Beauty*, as Interlochen prepares to offer the ballet for the first time in ten years.



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A Bug's Life - G (95)
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Rugrats - G (85)
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Babe: Pig In The City - PG (90)
Starring - James Cromwell
• 7:15 & 9:15 nightly
• Sat., & Sun. 2:15 & 4:15

Enemy Of The State - R (130)
Starring - Will Smith & Gene Hackman
• 7 & 9:20 nightly • Sat., & Sun. 2 & 4:20

Water Boy - PG-13 (90)
Starring - Adam Sandler, Kathy Bates
• 7:15 & 9:15 nightly
• Sat., & Sun. 2:15 & 4:15

I'll Be Home For Christmas - PG (89)
Starring - Jonathan Taylor Thomas
• 7 nightly • Sun. 2

I Still Know What You Did Last Summer - R (95)

Starring - Jennifer Love-Hewitt
• 9 nightly • Sat., & Sun. 4

Gaylord Cinema Downtown

Home Fries - PG-13 (90)

Starring - Drew Barrymore

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• Sun. 2, 4 & 7 • Mon. - Thurs. 7 nightly

Meet Joe Black - PG-13 (181)

Starring - Brad Pitt & Anthony Hopkins

• Fri. 7 • Sat. 2:15, 7 • Sun. 2:15 & 7

• Mon. - Thurs. 7 nightly

Psycho - R (88)

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• Mon. - Thurs. 7 nightly

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MDOT offers advice to snowmobilers for safer riding

Winter snows are falling in the Upper and Northern Lower Peninsulas, it's time to remind snowmobilers where to ride and how to ride safely.

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) cautions snowmobilers that, for safety

sake, their speeds should not exceed that of the limits posted for automobiles.

Providing access to snowmobilers is a shared responsibility, with enforcement being the responsibility of state, city and county police and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR).

Snowmobiles must also watch for fences, as they can potentially be constructed by property owners with property adjacent to road right-of-way. The road right-of-

way varies in size from one location to the next from 30 feet to as much as 430 feet from the highway centerline.

Any fence construction adjacent to the right-of-way may be done after the property owner obtains the necessary MDOT permit. On the other hand, groomed trails may also cross private driveways if they are a designated MDOT and MDNR trail.

Snowmobiles may be operated on state highways or shoulder when it is necessary to cross a

bridge or culvert but the snowmobile must come to a complete stop with the operator giving right-of-way to automobiles before entering the roadway.

In addition, snowmobiles may be operated across public highways with the exception of limited access highways. Crossing highways must be accomplished at right angles to the highway for the purpose of getting from one location to another when it can be done safely, with right-of-way being given to automobiles.

Before crossing any public highway, snowmobiles must come to a complete stop and yield to oncoming traffic.

As with any motorized vehicle operating on or near a roadway observing simple safety rules will save lives. MDOT determines where the safest snowmobile crossings and state routes are and posts road signs to warn motorists, but the operators of both auto and snowmobiles must be watching for each other and operate their vehicles safely.



It's All Happening Uptown

Support your local merchants this holiday season!

There are lots of good reasons to shop close to home. Check these out!

1. Personal Service.

Only your local retailer can get to know you—as a person. You can pay a premium for “personal shopping services,” or you can get them free, right here.

2. Supporting local artisans.

When you buy from local artisans and stores, you support the arts and local cultural institutions.

3. Help selecting gifts.

Local retailers can help suggest gifts for that hard-to-buy-for someone, based on their experience. They might even know the person you're buying for!

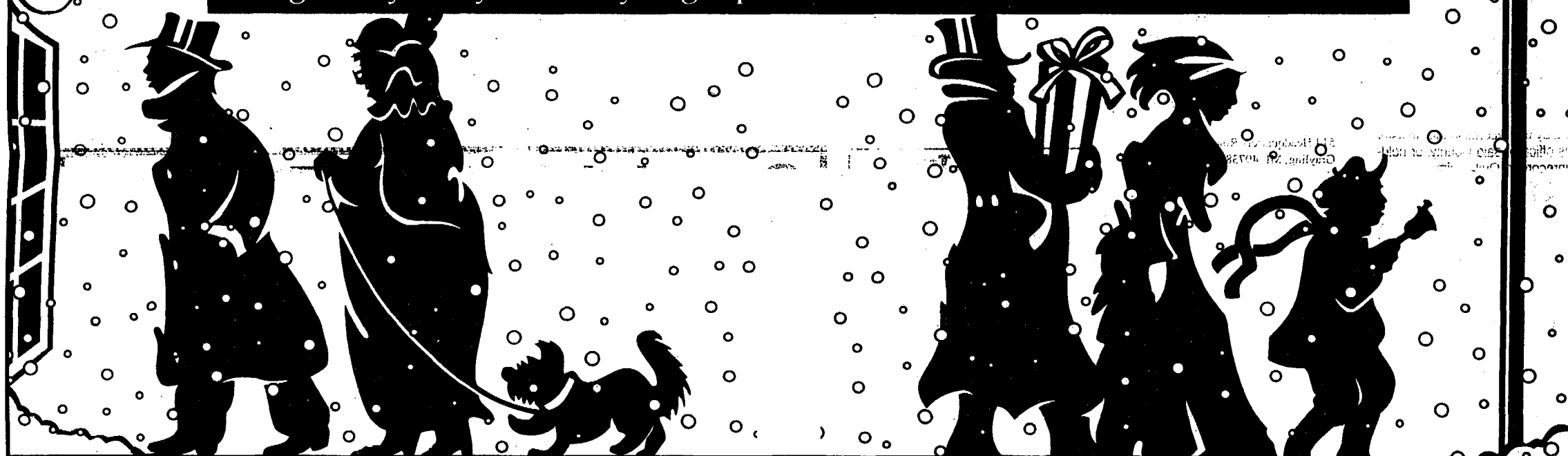
4. Different merchandise to choose from.

When you buy local, you get merchandise with a local flavor, not things chosen by a buyer in a faraway city. Handmade goods and unique gifts—they're just part of buying at home.

5. Support your local economy!

The money you spend today in your local economy helps to build your community tomorrow by providing tax dollars, jobs and many intangible benefits. Before you go out of town to make your purchases, check out the downtown area and see what we can offer you.

Brought to you by the Grayling Uptown District Association and Businesses.



Give a gift that will be treasured for years to come.

The Grayling Antique Mall

100 Mich. Ave. (Across from the Depot) • 348-2113
Mon., Thur., Fri. & Sat. 10 - 5 • Sun. 11 am - 3 pm • Tues. & Wed. after Dec. 15

“Give them the gift that lasts a lifetime”

Davis Jewelers & Gemologist

235 Mich. Ave. • 348-5111 • Mon. - Sat. 9 am - 5:30 pm

“Make someone's Christmas Merry with Delta tools”

DuBois Lumber Company

609 Norway Street • 348-4831
Mon. - Fri. 8 am to 5 pm • Sat. 8 am to 3 pm

Unique Gifts, Greeting Cards, Yankee Candles & Personal Service

J. Dap Co.

118 Michigan Ave. • 348-7661
Mon. - Fri. 9:30 am to 6 pm • Sat. 10 am to 5 pm

Outdoor Casual Apparel, Custom Photo Development & Quality Dry Cleaning

Riverland Gear

122 Michigan Ave. • 344-0047
Mon. - Fri. 10 am to 6 pm • Sat. 10 am to 5 pm

Christmas Gift Baskets & Retail Gifts Available

Stevens Family Circle

231 Michigan Ave. • 344-2111
Mon. - Thurs. 8 am to 8 pm • Fri. & Sat. 8 am to 9 pm

Unique Gifts & Jewelry & Handcrafted Items

Mary's Corner Books & Lady Slipper Gifts

203 Michigan Ave. • 348-4731
Mon. - Sat. 10 am to 5 pm

50% off Airwalk Shoes & Columbia Boots

Bicycle Shop - “We make Grayling a better place”

200 E. Michigan Ave. • 348-6868
Tues. - Sat. 10 am to 6 pm

For best selection order your Christmas flowers early!

Flowers by Josie

212 Mich. Ave. • Uptown Grayling • 348-4006
Open Mon. - Sat. 9 am - 5:30 pm • Fri. 9 am - 8 pm • X-mas • Sun. 11 am - 2 pm

“For the person seeking quality” Begin & finish your shopping here!

The Ice House

509 Norway

Boutique Styles—let you stand out in the crowd!

Parrott's Perch Boutique

207 Mich. Ave., Uptown Grayling • 348-2743
Mon. - Sat. 10 am - 6 pm • Sun. 10 am - 4 pm

Looking for that different ornament? We have it!

The Enchanted Forest

218 Mich. Ave. • Uptown Grayling • 348-6142

Custom Framing & Prints

The Framery II

127 Mich. Ave., Uptown Grayling • 348-8817
Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. & Sat. 10 to 5:30 • Wed. 12 Noon to 7 • Sun. 11 to 3

• Hair • Nails • Tanning • Gift Certificates Available

The Hair Station

204 Mich. Ave., Uptown Grayling
348-7557

Gift Certificates Available

Northern Expressions

Tanning • Nails • Hair Styling
402 James, Grayling • 348-8555

Moccasins, Jewelry, Leather Goods & Novelty Gifts

AuSable Gifts

404 Norway • 348-5899
Mon. - Sun. 10 am to 5 pm

While out shopping, stop in for our daily lunch special!

Sawmill

104 Michigan Avenue • 348-4588
Open 7 days a week

Subscription Gift Certificates Available

Crawford County Avalanche

102 Mich. Ave., Uptown Grayling
348-6811 • FAX 348-6806 • Mon. - Fri. 9 to 5

Army increases scholarship fund to \$50,000

United States Army officials have just announced the Army College Fund has been increased by \$10,000 to a maximum cap of \$50,000.

The Army College Fund, which is just one of Uncle Sam's many enlistment incentives, helps young people earn money for an advanced education while serving their country.

Under the current plan, a qualified soldier who has successfully completed an Army enlistment in a designated job would receive financial benefits for each month he or she attends college or vocational school, up to \$50,000.

All the soldier must contribute under the pro-

gram is \$100 from his or her pay each month during the first year of enlistment, for a total of \$1,200. The money is set aside, and later added to the Army's financial contribution, for educational use after the soldier's enlistment is completed.

"This is great news for both young people and parents in Michigan," said LTC Mark T. Brynick, Commander of the Great Lakes Recruiting Battalion. "This means a person could get almost \$1,400 a month for an advanced education. With college costs skyrocketing, I don't know too many who could not use that extra money," he added.

The Army College Fund, which is written into the enlistment contract of recruits, is available to applicants who qualify for a variety of specialized Army jobs. The amount a soldier receives depends upon which enlistment option and Military Occupational Specialty he or she selects.

"The Army can help young people begin their higher education with money in their pockets, valuable skill training and experience that can lead to successful civilian careers," and Brynick.

Those interested in finding out more about this new incentive can call 1-800-USA-ARMY, stop in at their local Army recruiting office, or visit the Army Recruiting website at www.goarmy.com.

The accuracy test for the December 8, 1998, Crawford AuSable School District special election will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 3, at the County Building.

Read local legal actions in The Crawford County Avalanche! 348-6811

MAPLE FOREST TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW NOTICE

Maple Forest Township will hold Board of Review for the purpose of any additions, deletions or corrections to the tax roll on Tuesday, December 15, 1998 at 9 am at the Township Hall on Sherman Road.

Respectfully
Mark Kniss
Supervisor

-3-12

LEGAL ACTION

Notice of Mortgage Sale

To the Owner or Owners of any and all Interest in, or Liens upon the Lands herein described:

Take notice, that sale has

been lawfully made of the following described land for unpaid taxes thereon, and that the undersigned has title there- to, under tax deed or deeds issued there- for, and that you are entitled to a recon- veyance thereof, at any time within 6 months after return of service of this notice, upon payment to the Treasurer of the County in which the lands lie, of all sums paid upon such purchase, together with 50% additional thereto, and the fees of the Sheriff for the service plus cost of publication of this notice, to be computed as upon service of a Summons upon commencement of an Action, and without other additional cost or charges. If payment as aforesaid is not made, the undersigned will institute Proceedings for possession of the land. Land and premises situated in the County of Crawford, and State of Michigan.

Description of lands.
Lot # 15 Northern Heights - Warblers Hideaway Association
Property tax code 010-14-400-00-015-00

Sonja Dee (Roach) Eddy - last known address 6334 Thornapple Lake Road Lot #40 Nashville, MI 49703.

Amount necessary to redeem \$33.00 plus fees of the Sheriff and cost of publication.

Persons shown above are last grantee in the regular chain title of such lands or of any interest therein as appearing by the records in the Register of Deeds office of said County, or holders of unrecorded Quit Claim Deeds to the land described above.

Warblers Hideaway Association tax deed holder - Valerie Johnston Treasurer, 2704 Lovells Rd. Grayling, MI 49738

-25-3-10-17

CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS Regular Board Meeting of November 10, 1998

The Regular Board of Commissioners Meeting was called to order by Chairman John Hartman at 9:04 a.m. in the County Building on November 10, 1998.

Roll Call: Hartman, Smock, Black, Bretzke, Corlew and Long - present

Absent: None
Sandra Moore, County Clerk - present
There were also other visitors present.

--Approved the amended minutes for the Regular Board Meeting of October 13, 1998 with corrections.

--Approved the minutes for the Regular Board Meeting of October 27, 1998 as presented.

--Amended the agenda to include presentations by Jerry DeWitt, Ron Fraser and Michael Dunckel.

--Removed from the table the motion for a mall development.

--Supported the sale/or exchange of 190 acres of State land for a proposed mall development project.

--Approved to allocate \$550 to update the C.O.A.M. and P.O.A.M. MERS retirement from a B-2 to a B-3 plan and authorize the Chairman to sign.

--Accepted correspondence as submitted.

--Moved to rescind the Library appointment of October 27, 1998 and readvertise for the vacancy.

--Moved to submit the grant application through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Forest Management Division for the 1999 Marine Safety Program.

--Approved to draft a letter of recognition to C.F. Fick & Sons for past fuel service to the County.

--Approved to allow Mr. Merrill, E.M.O. to contact Attorney Gustafson to review the landfill court settlement along with Michigan Court of Appeals surcharge decision.

--Approved to advertise for a 120 days temporary Board Commission Board appointment to facilitate the new Boards ability to seek either an elected or appointed position.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:09 a.m.
A full context of the meeting minutes is on file in the Clerk's Office.

Sandra Moore, County Clerk/Register of Deeds

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by William W. Witt and Mary H. Witt his wife (original mortgagors to Citizens Bank f/k/a Grayling State Bank, Mortgagee, dated May 19, 1995, and recorded on May 25, 1995 in Liber 324, on Page 235, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Eighteen and 36/100 dollars (\$25,018.36), including interest at 10.375% per annum. Adjustable rate mortgage. Interest rate may change 6/1.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 A.M. on January 6, 1999.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF GRAYLING, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

The North 10.01 acres of the South 70.07 acres of the East 1/2 of the East 1/2 of Section 3, Town 26 North, Range 3 West.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale.

Dated November 26, 1998
FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
(248) 642-4202
Trott and Trott, P.C.
Attorneys for Citizens Bank,
30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File #981110704

Property Address
514 Headquarters Road
Grayling, MI 49738

-25-3-10-17-24

STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF OAKLAND

Case No. 98-003245-CK

JFK INVESTMENT COMPANY, L.L.C.
a Michigan limited liability corporation
Plaintiff

v
CONTRACT INTERIORS,
a Michigan corporation, and STEELCASE INC., a Michigan corporation, jointly and severally,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION

-19-25-3

Road Commission For Crawford County Vacancy Notice

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners are presently accepting applications for a position on the Road Commission for Crawford County through Thursday, December 3rd, 1998 at 4:00 p.m. Applicants are required to be county residents and a registered voter. The Board is ultimately responsible for budget, policy and decision making. The Board has responsibility for administering a major aspect of Road Commission affairs, such as public safety, health and welfare, and charged with ultimate responsibility for the operation of the Road Commission. Applications can be obtained and submitted to County Clerk Sandra Moore at the Crawford County Courthouse, 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738.

Sandra Moore
County Clerk/Register of Deeds

Subscribe Today
348-6811

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Road Commission For Crawford County will accept sealed bids on the following used equipment at their office, 500 Huron Street, P.O. Box 648 Grayling, Michigan 49738, prior to 10 A.M. on Monday, December 21, 1998, with bids to be opened at the regular Board meeting on December 23, 1998.

Items can be viewed at The Road Commission For Crawford County Monday - Friday between the hours of 7:30 AM and 2:30 PM Contact person: Jeff McClain

ALL VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT SOLD "AS IS"

1990 Oldsmobile Delta 88 Royale 3.8L V-6, 96,560 miles

1989 Chevrolet 1/2 Ton Pickup 305 V-8 automatic trans, 202,500 miles

1990 Chevrolet 1 Ton Crew Cab pickup 6.2 Diesel automatic trans, 192,000 miles

1986 Ford F-350 1 Ton Dump truck 351 V-8 automatic trans, 123,975 miles

1987 Ford L-9000 Tandem axle truck 240hp L-10 Cummins engine, Fuller 9 speed transmission, 10 yard DO-AL conveyor box, 12' Root underbody scraper, plow hitch, 280,000 miles

12' Root F-44 underbody - stripped down - hangerboard and mold board only

Dayton wire welder 160 amp (No Power Lead)

Generator/Welder gas powered (needs work)

2 New Saddle Fuel Tanks with brackets 55 gallon

1 Pallets miscellaneous hardware

Compactor 4hp Kohler

Victor line torch set-up with table

2 new front bumpers (heavy trucks)

4 Six volt batteries (dry)

9 20" truck rims

Eutectic surface hardening kit

BIDS MUST BE IN A SEALED ENVELOPE PLAINLY MARKED ON THE OUTSIDE AS TO THE ITEM BEING BID.

The Road Commission reserves the right to waive any irregularities in any bid, to reject any or all bids, and to accept bids, which in their opinion, are in the best interest of the Road Commission For Crawford County.

By: The Road Commission For Crawford County
RAYMOND SWIERCZ, Chairman
ROBERT NELSON, Vice-Chairman
WILLIAM GANNON, Commissioner

-3-10-17

Special School Election

Notice of Special Election of the Electors of
Crawford AuSable School District
Crawford, Otsego and Kalkaska Counties, Michigan
to be held
December 8, 1998

To the electors of the school district:

Please take notice that a special bond election of Crawford AuSable School District, Crawford, Otsego and Kalkaska Counties, Michigan, will be held in the school district on Tuesday, December 8, 1998.

The polls of election will be open at 7 o'clock in the morning and close at 8 o'clock in the evening.

The following proposition will be submitted to the vote of the electors at the special bond election:

Bonding Proposal

Shall Crawford AuSable School District, Crawford, Otsego and Kalkaska Counties, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Fourteen Million Nine Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars (\$14,940,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefore, for the purpose of erecting, furnishing and equipping additions to, and partially remodeling, refurbishing and reequipping the existing high school; replacing the middle school roof; acquiring and installing technology equipment for the high school; and developing and improving the site?

(Pursuant to State law, expenditure of bond proceeds must be audited, and the proceeds cannot be used for teacher, administrator or employee salaries, or other operating expenses.)

Please take further notice that the bonds of the school district, if approved by a majority vote of the electors at this election, will be general obligation unlimited tax bonds payable from general ad valorem taxes.

The voting places are as follows:

Precinct No. 1

Voting Place: Grayling Middle School Building, in the City of Grayling, Michigan. The first precinct consists of all the territory of Grayling Township, City of Grayling, a portion of Beaver Creek Township and a portion of Bear Lake Township (Kalkaska County).

Precinct No. 2

Voting Place: The Frederic Elementary School. The second precinct consists of the territory of Frederic Township, Maple Forest Township and a portion of Otsego Lake Township (Otsego County).

Precinct No. 3

Voting Place: The Lovells Township Hall. The third precinct consists of the territory of Lovells Township.

All school electors who are registered with the city or township clerk of the city or township in which they reside are eligible to vote at this election.

This notice is given by order of the Board of Education of Crawford AuSable School District, Crawford, Otsego and Kalkaska Counties, Michigan.

Karl Schreiner
Secretary, Board of Education

-25-3

FACTS AND FEATURES

HOROSCOPES

For The Week Of December 6-12

ARIES

March 21-April 20

Is shopping for gifts starting to get on your nerves? Whatever you do, don't volunteer to help a friend shop. Your heart won't be in it. It may be very beneficial to you to find a new way to blow off steam. Try a new place where you don't know anyone.

TAURUS

April 21-May 21

Although giving of your time and/or money is a great thing, don't get taken for a ride. Choose your charity wisely; your friends don't definitely know best. You'd better get that shopping done you've been putting off. The sooner you go, the sooner you'll find the right gift.

GEMINI

May 22-June 21

Take care of those legal matters you've been letting hang. Seek professional advice on them before you make a final decision. With that off your plate, you can plan a special evening with someone very close to you. It will do you both a world of good.

CANCER

June 22-July 22

Keep your eyes open at work this week. Someone may not be playing it straight concerning a business deal. Try to get the topic out in the open so it can be dealt with in the proper way. Just make sure you think things through before saying anything.

LEO

July 23-August 23

Getting the silent treatment at home? Don't put up with it and don't be made to feel guilty. Ask what you have done wrong, stand your ground, and don't let anyone put you down. Take a stand—you don't have to live by other people's rules.

VIRGO

August 24-September 22

Situations take a serious turn this week. Steer clear of a person with an addiction. You don't need to be a part of the lies and deceit. You could help them get professional help, but that's as far as it should go. And don't let them make you feel guilty.

LIBRA

September 23-October 23

If you've been considering a job change, this should be a great week for you to interview for something else. Making long-range financial plans? Take time out to meet with an accountant. A short meeting could end up being very beneficial for you.

SCORPIO

October 24-November 22

You cannot change some people. Trying will only generate more resistance on their part and frustration for you. Be on the lookout for new opportunities at work this week. Something great could be heading your way... don't miss out on it.

SAGITTARIUS

November 23-December 21

Watch yourself this week. You're in your fault-finding mode, and it could present a problem for you. Excessive expectations will only cause problems for someone close to you. It's holiday time—try to find the positive in at least a few situations.

CAPRICORN

December 22-January 20

Don't let your lack of time frustrate you! Instead, look for ways to help yourself. Start at work by delegating some duties, or ask a coworker for help. At home, recruit help from your family members. You'll find them more than willing.

AQUARIUS

January 21-February 18

There's a nagging home-repair problem that needs your attention this week. Step one: Make a list of resources. Step two: Get it done before it's too late! Put your social life on hold until you get the problem cleared up. You'll need the money and energy you've saved.

PISCES

February 19-March 20

Your praise and encouragement will end up really helping a coworker or friend this week. It will vastly improve attitudes with everyone at work. Not all dreams can become a reality. Don't get down on yourself because of it. Face reality and move on.

RECIPE OF THE WEEK HOLIDAY CHEESE BALL

1/2 lb. cheddar cheese,
finely grated
1 3oz. package cream
cheese, softened
3 T. sherry
1/4 c. coarsely-chopped,
pitted ripe olives
1/2 t. Worcestershire
sauce
dash each - onion, garlic
and celery salts
1/2 c. coarsely snipped
smoked sliced beef

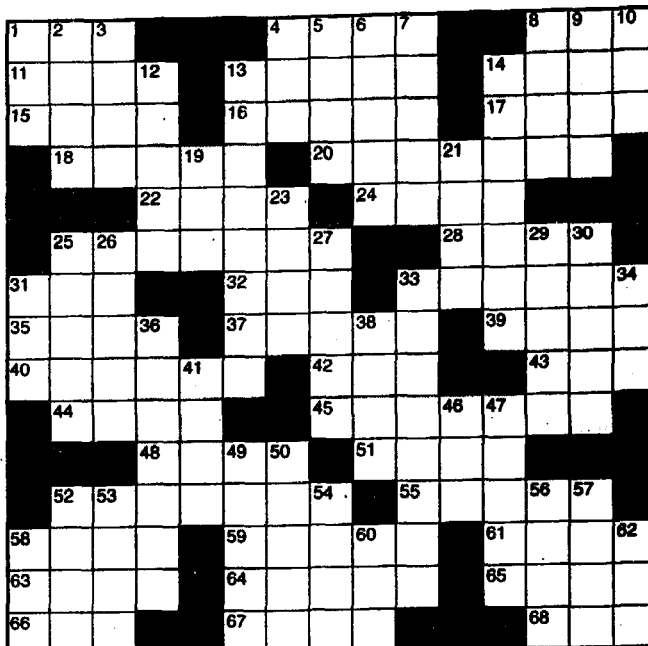
In large bowl, with
mixer at medium

speed, thoroughly combine cheeses, sherry, olives, worcestershire sauce and salts. Shape mixture into a ball; wrap in foil; then refrigerate until needed. About 30 minutes before serving, remove foil from cheese ball and reshape into ball with hands; then roll it in the beef until it is completely coated. Makes a 3" ball.



HOME NEEDED - by an 2 year old female golden retriever mix. To adopt any of the pets available, stop by or give the Animal Shelter of Crawford County a call at 348-4117.

CROSSWORD



ACROSS

- Fraternity symbol
- Ornamental jug
- Questioning cry
- Piece
- Censure
- Coe's abode
- Congressman Sonny
- Lisa Marie's dad
- Sheridan and Blyth
- Our: Fr.
- Dirges
- "Lang" preceder
- List shortener
- Brussels' land
- Medicine bottle
- Clinton health honcho Magaziner
- Paleo's opposite
- Became diffused
- Dashiell heroine
- Burstyn of The Exorcist
- Fill the piggybank
- Home of the Ewings
- Hebrew priest
- CSA member
- Cannon of Deathtrap
- Give off
- Numskull
- Scrapes by
- Removes for ransom
- Forgettable Ford
- Hall: prefix
- Venomous snake
- Analysts' foci

DOWN

- Ale place
- Party to
- Boy, in Madrid
- Cloth measure
- Bilow
- Author Zola
- Turn the clocks back
- Strop
- Ornamental vases
- "Pinalore"
- Add
- Direct routes
- Some newspapers
- Carpet
- Presented
- Holmgang
- Expansive
- Premature
- Some spies
- Severed
- Afternoon reception
- Hoosier St.
- Milky Way's kin
- Society gift, informally
- Betrayed (Wayne film)
- Southern Indians
- Rani's wear
- dieul
- Throne
- Exported insecticide: abbr.
- Arabian Nights character
- "Waiting For The Robert"
- Soon
- Carpet color for a VIP
- Daffy had trouble with these
- Tennis trophy name
- Voice a view
- Sabe
- Somali supermodel
- Pound operators: abbr.
- Hoople's expletive
- Plushbottom, e.g.
- Easter meat
- Sup
- Take a load off

ANSWERS IN CLASSIFIEDS

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 YEARS AGO December 4, 1975

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fick and family and exchange student returned from a nine day vacation. They went to Disney World, Washington, D.C. and toured the White House, Capitol, Arlington and Mount Vernon.

Crawford County Sheriff Department announced a snowmobile safety class. Anyone was welcome to attend 11 years or older. Once finishing the 5 day course a certificate and patch was given for achievement. Deputy Tim Coe of Crawford County Sheriff's Department was the participating teacher.

Manistee National Forest, has announced that a study of the AuSable and Manistee Rivers has been started to determine if they are qualified to be added to the National Wild and Scenic River System. The river studies must be completed and submitted to the U.S. Congress by October 2, 1979.

46 YEARS AGO December 4, 1952

Burrows Market had 164 bucks, 11 does and a bear stored in the market's cooler room during the deer season that just ended.

John Canfield III, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Canfield Jr., shot his deer the first day of the season, the first deer he ever got.

A son was born to Mr. and

Mrs. James Baker on November 25th.

A baby boy, Earl Stanley has arrived to Mr. and Mrs. Walter SanCartier. His birthday is November 22nd.

The Jerry McClain family has moved into the former Mogford house at the corner of Peninsular and Ingham.

Rex Hunter, son of Mrs. Matilda Hunter is stationed with the Army of Fort Riley, Kansas.

It's twins, a boy and a girl born to Dr. and Mrs. Alfred Hanson of Buchanan on Friday, November 21st. The little boy who is named Leslie Carl, weighed 6lbs 11 3/4 ozs. The little girl Lynn Mary weighed 6lbs 10 3/4 ozs. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hanson and Mr. Mrs. Burton Holden of Rosedale are the happy grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Rasmussen have moved into the Brethower house on M-72.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Giegling are spending Thanksgiving and the weekend in Detroit visiting their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Burton Drummond and son Roger. Miss Sue Giegling of Michigan State College will join the family there.

Otis Weaver was one of the lucky ones to get his buck early in the season. A number of bear were killed here.

69 YEARS AGO November 28, 1929

Glen Smith of Bay City spent

a couple of days the last of the week visiting Jack Zeder.

Mrs Earl Dutton of Roscommon is recovering nicely from an operation she underwent last week.

Mrs. Nels Corwin left for Lansing Sunday to spend the week with her daughters, Misses Mildred and Bernice.

Charles McCullough has appointed Alfred Hanson as Deputy Township Clerk of Grayling Township to look after the duties of that office during his absence.

Mrs. C. G. Clippert was dismissed from Mercy Hospital Sunday.

Corwin Auto Sales may well feel proud of their fine new garage and showrooms that are just about finished.

92 YEARS AGO November 29, 1906

About three inches of snow on the ground Monday morning. The hunters are mad that it didn't come sooner.

Fred Michelson came home yesterday from Ann Arbor for Thanksgiving.

Mrs. N.P. Jorgenson now residing in Arkansas, is here for a visit with her children.

Mrs. M.A. Bates visited at Saginaw and Alma last week and Kate came home with her to eat turkey with the Postmaster.

Otto McIntyre with his uncle, Martin Johnson of Leslie were among our lucky hunters.



FIND THE TWINS

WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?



ANSWER: FOUR AND SIX



WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling



Date	High	Low	Rain
11/25	43	28	
11/26	42	29	
11/27	40	33	
11/28	50	27	
11/29	60	30	
11/30	62	47	.02
12/1	60	34	.60

Extended Forecast courtesy of the U.S. Weather Service in Gaylord: Thursday and Friday - dry, highs in the 50's, lows in the 30's and 40's; Saturday - chance of rain, highs and lows the same; Sunday - wind and rain with highs in the 40's; Monday - sharply colder, possible lake effect snow showers, highs in the 30's.

ADVERTISING CLASSIFIED

Classifieds must be paid for in advance

Display Advertising Rate - \$5.75 per column inch

Deadline for Display Classifieds - 12 noon, Monday

Classifieds by the word rate - \$4.00 for 15 words or

less, 10¢ per each additional word; includes Internet listing:

www.townnews.com/avalanche/

Classified by the word deadline - 12 noon, Tuesday



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85' ON HIGH BANK OF FAMOUS MANISTEE RIVER. Adjoins hundreds of acres of State Land to the south with 2 miles of river frontage. Enjoy the leisure atmosphere overlooking the Manistee River. Great fishing and canoeing. 2 bedrooms, 1 bath offers 1,328 sq. ft. with large living room. New roof. Walkout basement under river room. Immediate occupancy. \$89,000 CS-802



ATTENTION HORSE LOVERS!! 2.5 acres on Beaver Road in Beaver Creek Twp. 26x32 horse barn with lot, fencing, electric. 4 bedroom, 2 bath home, 1,952 sq. ft., basement, deck, covered porch, gas & wood heat, large garden area, hardwoods at rear of property. Reduced \$87,000 CH-781



LAKE MARGRETHE ACCESS 300' AWAY! Large 4 bedroom, 2 bath home offering 2,012 sq. ft. with walkout basement. 2 car attached garage & detached boat house/garage. Split rail fence, brick fireplace, fruit cellar and a secluded setting. \$99,500 CS-779



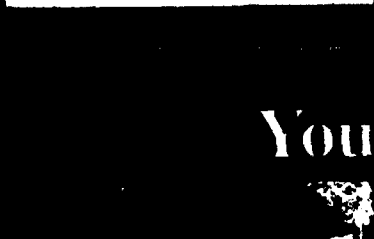
NEW CONSTRUCTION - IMMEDIATE OCCUPANCY! Quality craftsmanship - custom ranch - all built up on a choice wooded parcel with no thru traffic. Great room features vaulted ceilings, island bar down to a 12x20 deck, master bedroom suite, oak cabinets, hot-water baseboard heat, covered front porch and driveway with apron. \$88,888 Reduced to \$88,888 CH-888



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448 ROBERTS ROAD, STAFF EXECUTIVE HOME on 9 acres. Extremely secluded with stream flowing thru property. 1,808 sq. ft. brick home, updated kitchen & baths with built-in appliances, brick fireplace, double door walls, screen porch with full kitchen, formal dining room, family room, plaster walls with covered ceiling, current decor, six panel doors, formal entry, call for a complete list of amenities. Price Reduced \$178,000 CH-788



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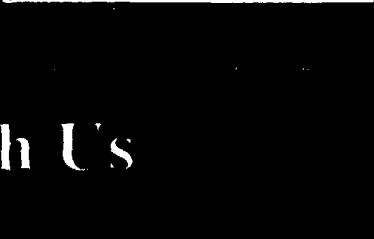
NEW OFFERING AuSable River Mainstream. Corner's Road near McMillan's Bridge. Outstanding views of 365' frontage, custom cedar home featuring 2,305 sq. ft. living area, three bedrooms two baths (enclave bath features), knotty pine TAG vaulted ceilings, hardwood floors, screen porch, covered decks, Pella windows, fireplace, Swedish woodburning stove, large deck, very private setting. 2 1/2 car garage, satellite, many quality features. CH-817



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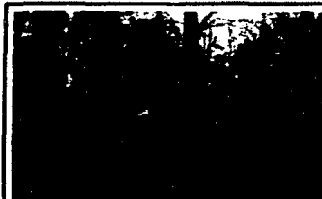
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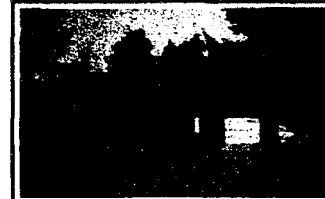
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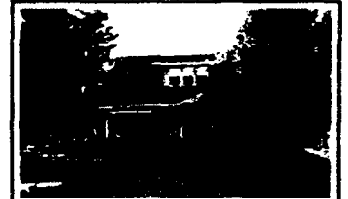
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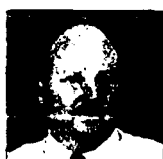
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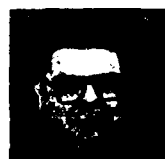
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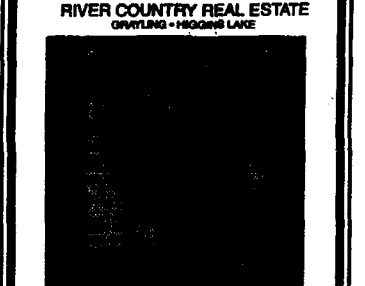
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MY ANNUAL MARY KAY Open House will be December 11th, 1-6 p.m. and December 12th 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at 308 AuSable Court. Please come, Lora Gould. (-3/8)

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HOLIDAY MILITARY GREETINGS can be sent to: LCPO Joe Collen, CSC AAV, MCB, HI 96863-4872. He will enjoy hearing from family and friends during this holiday season. Thanks, Sandy Collen. (-3-10-17/9)

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Limited Internship Programs

The Workforce Development Board and Northeast Michigan Consortium are requesting proposals to operate Limited Internship programs in the counties of Alcona, Alpena, Cheboygan, Crawford, Montmorency, Oscoda, Otsego and Presque Isle. The target population is economically disadvantaged out-of-school youth, ages 17-21. Available dollars total approximately \$100,000 for program operations.

Funds have been allocated to provide education and training services to eligible youth for internships (work experience) in the private sector within the eight-county area.

Requests for proposals should be made to Terry L. Basel, Program Coordinator, Michigan Works! Northeast Consortium, P.O. Box 711, Onaway, Michigan 49765. Disk copies are available upon request. A mandatory Bidder's Conference will be held Tuesday, December 8, at 1:00 p.m. at the Northeast Michigan Consortium, 20709 State Street, Onaway, Michigan. The proposal deadline for submission is Monday, January 11, 1999 at 4:00 p.m. at the Northeast Michigan Consortium, Onaway, Michigan. Late proposals will not be considered.

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Excellent Location in the City of Grayling is this large family home with full basement, 2 full bathrooms, 4 to 5 bedrooms, large kitchen and more! #4187B \$89,500 Ask for Connie Winans!



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Beautiful riverfront home. View of the AuSable from the master bedroom suite is one highlight of this fine home. Grand kitchen has extensive counter tops, ceramic tile floor with doorways to large back deck. Some other features are main level bedroom, full basement, attached 2-car garage with 15 feet of workbench, covered front deck and landscaping! #4328 \$139,000 Ask for Connie Winans!



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